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# Act to Adapt

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## Glastonbury Case Study

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### Summary

Through the Act to Adapt process, Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT) is supporting communities across Somerset to adapt to climate change. By creating and implementing a Community Climate Adaptation Plan, Glastonbury can proactively adapt to climate threats in their local area whilst simultaneously building community, supporting local wildlife, and increasing wellbeing.

Funded by the Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA), Glastonbury were the first community to go through the entire Act to Adapt process.

### The process

Before public engagement began, SWT communicated with local officials, community groups and the Town Council. Our initial contact with Glastonbury was to ensure that the community was ready to enact a **Community Climate Adaptation Plan**, where we found that locals were keen to get involved with the entire Act to Adapt process!



Talk

SWT organised a set of workshops to engage the community in climate-led discussions. Using a Climate Adaptation Toolkit that outlines **Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**, locals were informed of the current climate issues and provided with general information on adaptation techniques. The community then shared their concerns and priorities, which was used to form the draft Community Climate Adaptation Plan.



Shape

To enhance the collective input of ideas into the Community Climate Adaptation Plan, a series of consultations were carried out.

SWT attended two local events, at the **Rural Life Museum** and **Glastonbury Support Network**, to promote the plan to locals. An online survey was also provided to increase the accessibility of feedback.



Act

In August 2024, SWT launched Glastonbury's Climate Adaptation Plan to the community. St. John's Baptist Church was hired out to unveil the plan, where local groups were invited to also showcase their incredible work.

The turnout and feedback were both outstanding, including a positive appraisal from local **MP Sarah Dyke**. The plan was then handed to the community so that they could begin to implement the outlined adaptation strategies.

## Priority actions

Each community has identified four unique adaptation priorities that best suit their needs. For Glastonbury, these four priority actions are:

1. **Planting more trees and plants**
2. **Adapting to flooding**
3. **Installing green walls and roofs**
4. **Engaging with local planning**

For each priority, the Community Climate Adaptation Plan outlines 5-8 focused adaptation actions that have been identified through Act to Adapt.

Information includes the benefits, useful links, and examples of how to carry out the action, as well as specifying 'where', 'when' and 'who'.

## Update: October 2025

The community in Glastonbury has been busy setting their Climate Adaptation Plan in place, such as undergoing **wildflower planting** around Beckery and working with an ex-Somerset tree officer to help create a tree group for the town to assess suitable trees.

As part of the £1,000.00 seed funding, two different sets of leaflets were created to promote NbS, which one leaflet involved reducing flooding through installing permeable paving, a rain garden, and water butts. For the other leaflet, encouraging **living, green walls** to residents was promoted.

Further use of the seed funding went to setting up workshops at Brides Farm to engage with local residents on adaptation topics. Workshops put on included learning skills on planting native trees and plants, how to create rain gardens & install water butts, creative ideas to harvest rainwater, and how to build and install green roofs using upcycled materials. Remaining funds went to supporting the fantastic volunteers!

Glastonbury is a part of **10 Somerset communities** that are in the process of completing or implementing their Community Climate Adaptation Plan! Our aim is to facilitate Community Climate Adaptation Plans for every community in Somerset.

This case study is intended to raise awareness of climate adaptation and community actions to adapt. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Climate Adaptation team (details below).

## Impacts

The Glastonbury Launch event for their Climate Adaptation Plan generated significant interest, appearing in the local BBC News.

The plan has helped promote NbS noted throughout priority actions, from tree and wildflower planting to raising awareness for residential flood adaptation.

With a tree group being established, Glastonbury have been proactive since the Act to Adapt process concluded in utilising the seed funding and engaging with community members to continue implementing their priority actions.

## Useful links

[Act to Adapt - Glastonbury](#)  
[Act to Adapt Project](#)

[Act to Adapt - eNewsletter Sign Up](#)  
[Climate Adaptation Toolkit](#)  
[Somerset Rivers Authority \(SRA\)](#)

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