Somerset pumps on a page

This note aims to explain to SRA board members the pumping enhancements being delivered for communities across Somerset.

1. Permanent pump upgrades: £11 million investment

Permanent pumps have been upgraded this summer at Midelney and Huish Episcopi as part of our pump replacement programme, with further upgrades planned at Northmoor and Westover Pumping Stations in 2027 and Long Load and North Drain (on the Brue) in 2028. This is part of an £11 million project that has been enabled by England's £5.2bn (2021–2027) Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management investment programme, better protecting communities.

2. New permanent pumps at Bathpool: over £800K investment

We're leading a permanent pump installation project at Bathpool, with additional funding from Somerset Rivers Authority: SRA Enhanced Programme 2026-27 - Somerset Rivers Authority

3. Safer/quicker/more resilient installation of temporary pumps: £3 million investment

We're applying to Somerset Council Flood Resilience Fund ` for improvement works at Northmoor, Saltmoor, Currymoor, Dunball and Huish Episcopi to enhance the safety of staff installing temporary pumps. Creating a safer and more effective working environment speeds up the installation of temporary pumps. If funding is secured, work on the ground could commence in 2027.

4. Trigger points updated autumn 2026: £ multi-million commitment to communities

With support from the IDB and Natural England the trigger points for the Somerset Levels and Moors have been updated and expanded to incorporate the Brue catchment.

5. Additional temporary pumps

We have adequate temporary pumps to meet our trigger points commitments. In addition and if necessary, we can source additional pumps via third party suppliers if our own pumps are deployed elsewhere in the country. So we are not applying to Somerset Council for funding to procure additional temporary pumps; we will instead support and work with other risk management authorities if they apply for funding for temporary pumps.

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