

The Bioregional Learning Centre, South Devon

An independent, apolitical, NGO that has been going for 8 years.

Committed to working with whole landscapes and systems for climate resilience.

We manage projects, innovate and share learning and occupy the muddy middle between civil society and policy makers.

And shape resilient futures in S.Devon and beyond

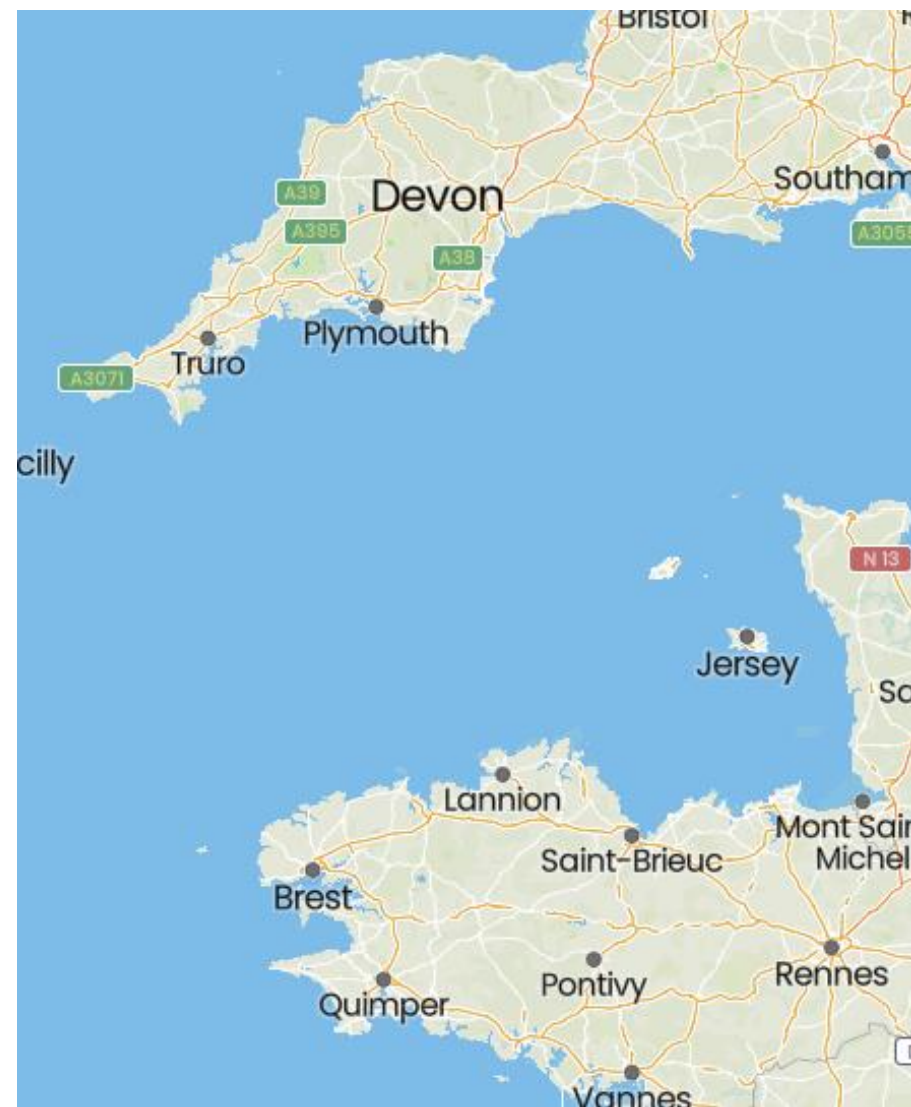


How big is our bioregion?

South Devon bioregion: bounded by water



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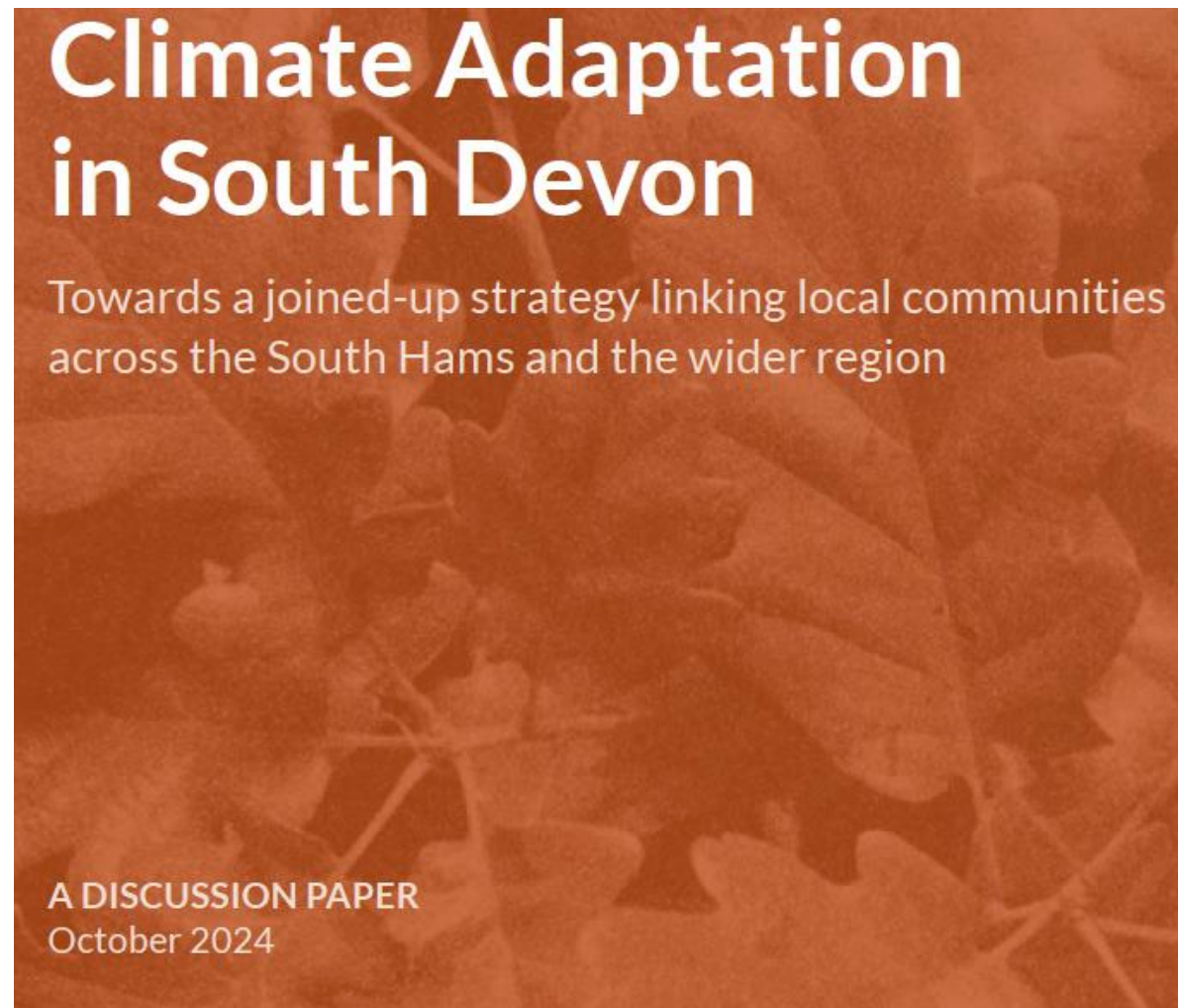


The 2024 South Hams Climate Adaptation Learning Journey

During the first week in June 2024 we gathered evidence of how farmers, communities, town councils and others are already adapting, and what is needed to grow future resilience.

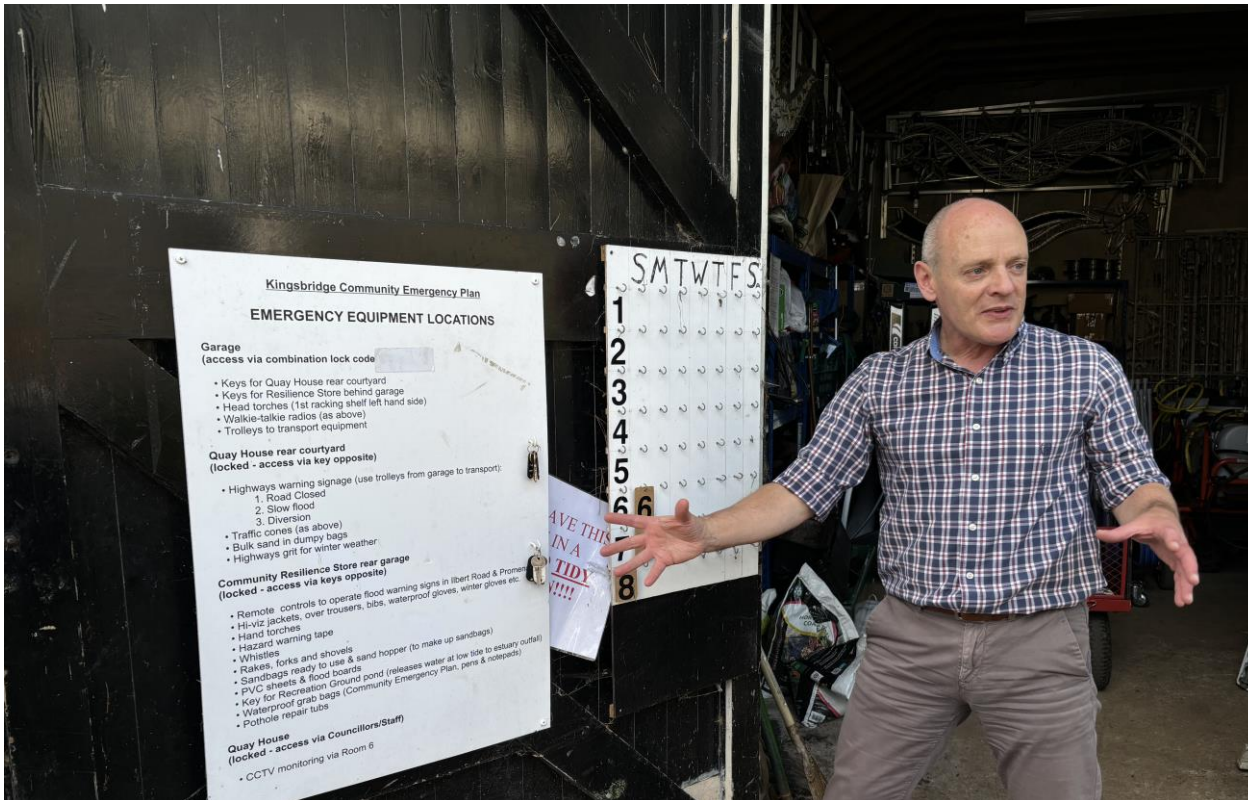
Our bus took us to see regenerative agriculture and horticulture, renewable energy, community collaboration, health and social care, biodiversity, flood prevention and response, food availability, and innovative research.

You can download the Discussion Paper from the BLC website



Climate Adaptation in South Devon: Recommendation Three

Mutual learning, livelihoods and support



CITIZENS

- Share knowledge and co-operate between town & parish councils, community groups, and businesses, within communities and across the region

POLICY MAKERS

- Look at opportunities for creating co-operatives across South Devon for different industry or charity groups, sharing the tasks of accounting, fundraising etc.

Year Two of Climate Adaptation in South Devon: 2025

BLC provides leadership and collaborative action for a joined-up Adaptation Strategy

Convene a round table of stakeholders and experts including SHDC Council Members and Officers, to discuss the scope and delivery of a South Devon Climate Adaptation Strategy and Framework.

Establish a core team for the Climate Adaptation Strategy in which the District Council plays a key role, but that sits outside the Council and is politically neutral. The strategy is held by the stakeholders, advised by experts. BLC will host the secretariat

Organise and deliver four sector-specific workshops that focus on actions needed for adaptation: food, water, health and livelihoods

Lead first steps for a public-facing communication platform for Climate Adaptation. The concept of Adaptation needs explaining and the practical reality needs showcasing for a range of audiences.

Establish monitoring and evaluation of the Strategy from the get go.

Bioregional Learning Centre's website: www.bioregion.org.uk

There you can find our Discussion Paper *Climate Adaptation in South Devon: Towards a joined-up strategy* and download it

AND the short film 'Sensing, Learning, Changing: how South Devon is adapting to climate change'

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