261201 – Item 10 - People's Emergency Briefing

The screening was hosted by the Ashburton Climate Emergency organisation on 5 November 2026. The parish hall was full for the event.

There will be a follow-up meeting on 15 December, in Moretonhampstead Parish Hall.

After the film, attendees broke up into smaller groups to discuss their reaction to the film and ideas for actions / community schemes, to reduce climate impacts.

Key Points from the Audience discussion.
The themes below bring together audience reactions and suggestions for individual action and community schemes.

Reaction to the film

- It was a powerful experience watching the film as a group, and important not lose the shock at seeing climate impacts presented so clearly.
- Retain hope, don't be afraid
- Engage younger people and people with families. However, the film contains swearing and may not be suitable for younger viewers.
- Anger and frustration that so little has happened in response to the threat even though the impacts of climate change have been known for many years
- Taking action yourself and locally can make a difference.

What action can people take?

<u>Food</u>
Grow more food locally and teach people how to do this e.g., allotments.

Help people prepare more food from scratch using local produce by offering cookery classes that teach them to prepare their own food.

Identify opportunities for putting land into local food production.

Careful food shopping to reduce food waste.

<u>Transport</u>
Set up a 'hitching post' to help car sharing

Improve public transport, including a move to electric vehicles (EVs). Support car sharing, promote bike routes and encourage tolerance towards cyclists.

Support car-sharing schemes. When changing cars, consider an electric vehicle (EV).

<u>Energy and Housing</u>
Community scheme to help people retrofit solar panels

Buy energy from companies who use local renewable energy. Energy Local Moretonhampstead will be launching soon.

Solar panels to provide small groups of houses.

Energy saving measures in the home and businesses.

Technology
Reduce low value activities e.g., scrolling

Use AI sparingly - ask yourself is what I am using AI for worthwhile?

Nature
Improve hedgerows and their management to encourage nature

Join a local nature community group /charity e.g., Teign Valley Group.

Tree planting

Other ideas
Encourage more natural burials

Careful shopping, buy less and make it last longer. Avoid fast fashion.

Communications and Campaigning
Lobby local politicians for action individually and as a community

Respond to local consultations e.g., Dartmoor National Park Partnership Plan (consultation open now)

Share successes

Share ideas across with other communities

Boycott products and companies who damage the environment

Engage with climate sceptics through small-scale conversations.

Encourage more people to see the film.