



## UK Floods

### How are people helping?

- **Emergency services are helping move people out of flooded areas.**
- **The Environment Agency is building defences to reduce the risk of flooding.**

Illustration: Rain has caused the river levels to rise.

## People Help As Parts of UK Flood

**Parts of the UK have been flooded. Lots of different people are helping those affected.**

It has rained a lot this month. The Environment Agency is a part of the UK government. They say that there's already been twice as much rain as usual.

This has caused some areas to flood. Parts of Shrewsbury and Ironbridge have been flooded. These are two towns along the river Severn.

Some people living in affected areas have had to leave their homes. Some rail lines have also been closed.

Lots of groups are helping people. The police have been telling people what they need to do.

They say they are prepared and have lots of people and **resources** ready to help.

Firefighters have been helping move some people out of their homes. They have used **dinghies** to **evacuate** people out of flooded areas.

The local government have opened up rest centres in Shrewsbury and other areas. These give people **shelter**, a hot drink and support in a safe area.

The Environment Agency are pumping water out of flooded areas. They've also put flood defences in to try and control the water.

Charities have also been working hard to look after animals. The RSPCA have been helping animals stay safe.

### Glossary

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| <b>resources</b> | Money, materials and other things to help a situation.                  |
| <b>evacuate</b>  | Take people from somewhere to a place of safety.                        |
| <b>dinghies</b>  | Small, inflatable boats.  |
| <b>shelter</b>   | A place people can stay which gives protection from weather and danger. |