

Dear partner

Last week Shropshire was once again hit by very serious flooding affecting hundreds of homes and businesses across the county.

The impact for those hit by flooding is devastating.

For many this will be at least the third time in just three years, they have been flooded. Three of the five worst recorded flood events on the River Severn have been since 2020.

The flooding of last week affected many places in our county - Bridgnorth, Clun, Ludlow, Melverley, Pentre or Shrewsbury to name a few. I am sure there's many more places where people and businesses have been flooded.

We want to do more to help these people and businesses. The best way to do so is through effective long-term measures.

We believe Shropshire needs more help from Government and the Environment Agency, who have responsibility in responding to flooding from the River Severn, to fund these measures we so desperately need to stop the annual cycle of misery of floods that continue to affect so many of us.

The more information we have about how these floods have affected people and businesses in Shropshire, the stronger case we can make to Environment Agency and to the Government. We aim to make it impossible for our case to continue to be ignored.

To get this, we need your help in getting the community, particularly those who have been flooded, to tell us about it.

To make this easy, we've created a simple form at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/flooded](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/flooded) which takes a few minutes to complete. This will help us gather this vital information, as well helping us to better plan our services to support people and businesses when flooding happens.

Anyone not online can call us on 0345 6789006 (8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday) to share their experience of flooding.

This will be invaluable to help us to make case for flood protection measures for Shropshire more strongly than ever and reduce the risks of more people's lives being ruined by floods.

I attach a downloadable poster and digital assets you may wish to use on your own channels to help promote the use of this form.

Thank you for your support

Councillor Lezley Picton

Shropshire Council's Leader