

Home-owner, Shrewsbury, UK

"I would rather forget 2004. In February, we were flooded again. It reminded me of 2000 when Shrewsbury led the evening news when we suffered the worst flooding here for fifty years. Luckily, my house wasn't damaged this time, but my insurance company won't renew my policy next year because the flood risk is too great.

One of my neighbours has given up trying to sell her house. The estate agent told her she would have to sell it for nearly half of what she wants for it. The council is talking about plans to build expensive defences, with permanent walls along the river and a new design of temporary fencing for when there is a high risk of a flood. But I bet we end up paying for them through big hikes in our council tax".