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## Body found in flooded Tewkesbury

**Police searching for a teenager who went missing in the badly flooded town of Tewkesbury have found a body.**

Mitchell Taylor, 19, was last seen leaving a bar on 21 July. Two men were found dead on Thursday, after pumping water from a rugby club.

About 130,000 homes in Gloucestershire are still without running water and the situation is likely to last for days.

Further heavy rain is predicted overnight in the area, and police advised people to stay indoors.

BBC forecaster Peter Gibbs said: "On Saturday night we are going to see some heavy rain but it's not going to be anything like the amounts we saw when we had the flooding originally.

"Still the ground is saturated, which can cause concern."

The chief constable of Gloucestershire, Tim Brain, said: "We do not want to distract the efforts of any of the emergency services because people have become stuck away from home because they have engaged in an unnecessary journey."

Gloucestershire Police said the man's body, which has not yet been formally identified, was discovered by an Italian hovercraft crew in flooded parkland near the town's abbey.

Earlier this week Mitchell Taylor's mother Jane told the Gloucestershire Echo it was not like her son to be away from their home for such a long time.

She said it was also out of character for him not to turn up for his work at a Tewkesbury pub, but this was what happened on Saturday night.

On Thursday Bram Lane, 64, and his son Chris, 27, were found dead at Tewkesbury rugby club.

They are thought to have been overcome by fumes as they used a petrol-powered pump to clear floodwater.



The body was found near Tewkesbury Abbey

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Tim Brain, chief constable of Gloucestershire, advising people to stay in on Saturday night

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## Bill rises?

About 130,000 homes in Gloucestershire are still without mains water, following the flooding of a waterworks earlier this week.

However, Severn Trent Water said "significant progress" had been made in getting the flooded Mythe water treatment plant working again.

Water companies across the UK have been sending in tankers to help thousands of homeowners whose supplies have been contaminated, and the Red Cross has been delivering food parcels.

The charity's appeal for flood victims has so far raised £500,000.



A specialist hovercraft was used to find the body

Meanwhile, water bills will have to rise as a response to the floods, the head of the Environment Agency has told the BBC News website.

Baroness Young said that utility firms and local authorities had a duty to improve antiquated drainage systems to prevent future disasters.

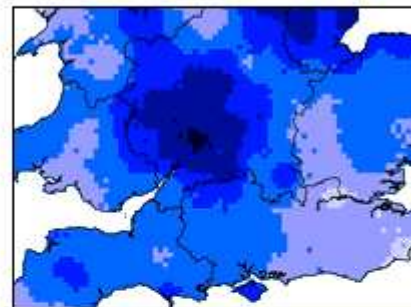
In many cities the drainage was built 150 to 200 years ago and was unable to cope with such heavy rain, she said.

Price limits for water have already been set for up to 2010 by regulator Ofwat, meaning any rises could come into force only from 2011 onwards.

Baroness Young also said public bodies and firms providing essential services had to think about climate change and adapting the infrastructure.

Bodies owning "sensitive installations" such as power stations should make them "more robust", she said.

Some economists have put the immediate costs of the floods at around £5bn.



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The Environment Secretary, Hilary Benn, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that repairing damage to schools, roads and bridges was going to be "a long hard slog."

Conservative leader David Cameron visited flood-hit Tewkesbury on Saturday. He said the government must be challenged to ensure the flooding risk was reduced in the future.