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FLOODS HIT WEST.

Exmouth was among the worst sufferers in the West Country floods. Down from the rain-drenched hills poured the storm water.. Tides higher than the normal blocked the drainage-system and the deluge couldn't get away out to sea. What a heart-rending mess was left in scores of houses. And it wasn't only Exmouth. Many villages were in as bad a plight.

In 24 hours the area had nearly two inches of rain. After a bad summer, early autumn was even worse. Exton Church was undermined and collapsed. Only a few months ago the roof was re-thatched. Now the little church seems beyond repair. The Lord Lieutenant of Devon is launching an appeal on behalf of victims of one of the worst floods the county has known.