

The River Wye is of international ecological importance, popular for recreational outdoor pursuits, particularly where it flows through the Wye Gorge, and unusual in that there is a public right of navigation. Of course, it is always a source of visual delight to visitors and residents.



but together with local streams and brooks it is also a source of flood water in the Parish. Water from hard, impermeable surfaces - roads, driveways, paving etc, further contribute to our flood problems.



Natural Resources Wales have mapped several areas in W&G as Zone 3 land, with the highest risk of flooding, including residential parts of Whitchurch and Symonds Yat. The Environment Agency imposes restrictions on developments in these areas. Other areas function as necessary holdings for flood water from streams like the Garren Brook. Lack of insurance cover may also influence housing development decisions.

Water quality in our designated SACs is threatened by chemicals, phosphates and sedimentation. The Parish is in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone.

Many properties in W&G are not on the main sewerage system. Herefordshire Core Strategy states, 'In the first instance developments should seek to connect to existing mains wastewater infrastructure network.'



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