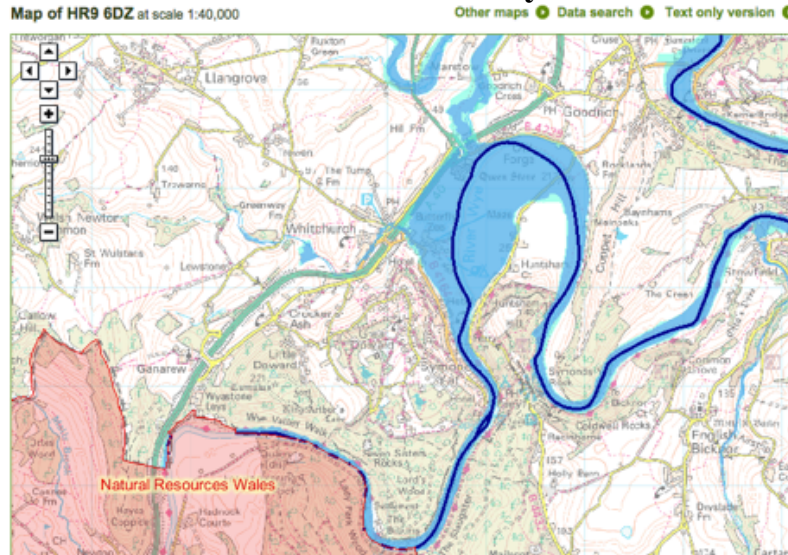


# Flood risk and water management in our Parish

## Flood risk areas from River Wye



**Areas of the Parish close to the River Wye are classified as having a high risk of serious floods. The Parish is also in a nitrate vulnerable zone. The new Countryside Stewardship Scheme pays farmers for managing the land to benefit the natural environment as well as provide food.**

**Hereford Core Strategy Policy SD3 requires sustainable water management to be an integral element of new development in order to:**

- Reduce flood risk;**
- Avoid an adverse impact on water quality**
- Protect and enhance groundwater resources**
- Provide opportunity to enhance biodiversity, health and recreation**
- Avoid an adverse impact on water quantity**
- Protect and enhance water quality**

**The Environment Agency has strategic responsibility for water quality and resources, conservation and ecology, including fisheries and inland river navigation. Hereford County Council is responsible for implementing national planning rules and legal constraints relating to water. For example, since 2008 to protect against flooding and pollution of water courses it has been illegal to cover more than 5 sq. metres of front gardens with an impermeable surface without planning permission.**

