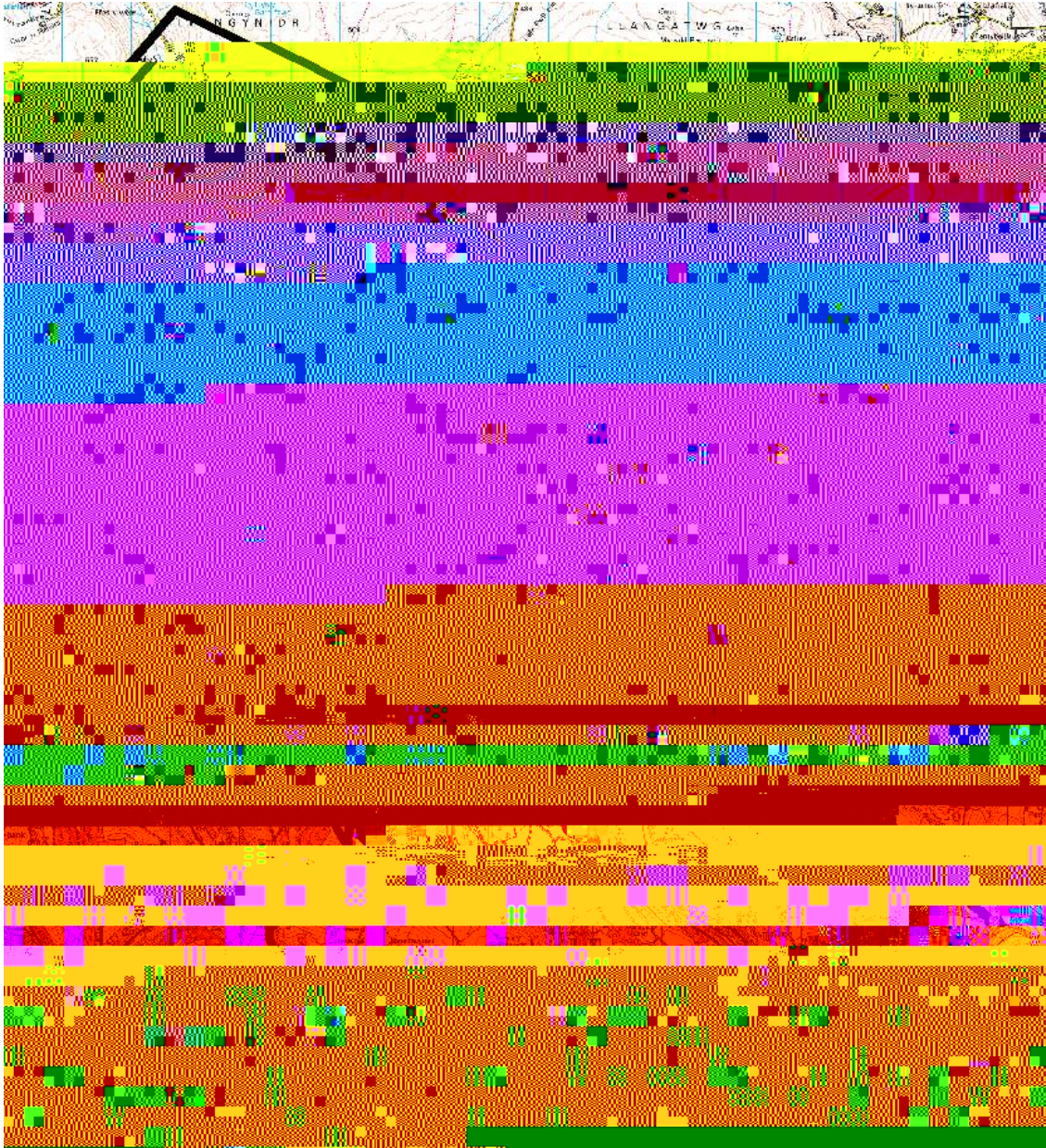


The Flood Risk Management Strategy sets out how the risk of flooding will be managed across the Borough. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and is responsible for the management of local flood risk from ordinary water courses, surface runoff and groundwater.

The Strategy is aimed at reducing the impact of flood risk on people, businesses and the environment.

The Strategy has identified surface water flood risk areas within Blaenau Gwent (that is where within a 1km sq there is more than 200 people, or more than 1 critical service, or more than 20 non-residential properties predicted to be flooded at a depth of 0.3m in a rainfall event of 1 in 200 annual chance of occurrence). It should be noted that this map is dynamic and likely to change as our understanding of surface water flooding improves.

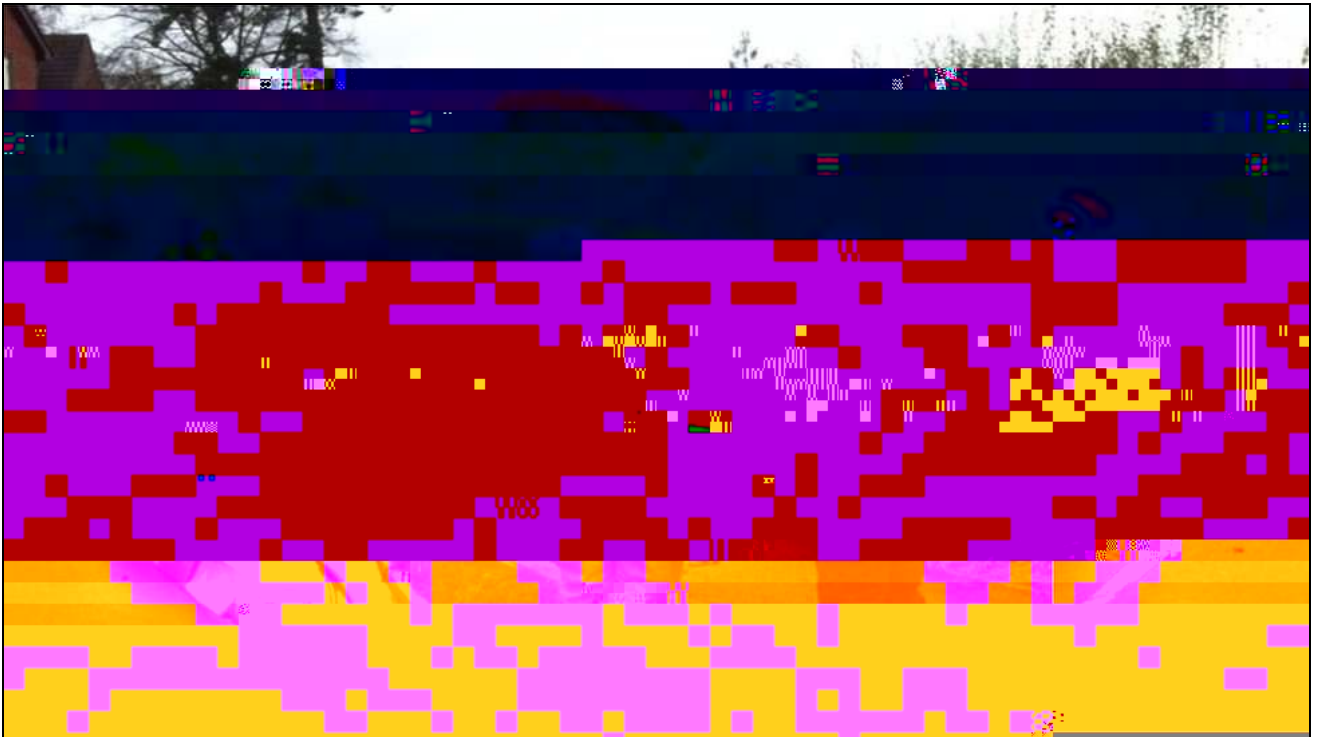
Environment Agency 'Blue Squares' (areas above the flood risk threshold)



Blaenau Gwent includes an area that is classed by Natural Resources Wales as being of significant flood risk and we are therefore required to prepare a Flood Risk Management Plan by December 2015.

Natural Resources Wales provides maps showing areas at risk of three types of flooding (Rivers and Sea, Reservoirs and Surface Water) on their web page “What is in my backyard”

<http://watermaps.environment-agency.gov.uk/>



We want to lessen the impact or vulnerability to flooding and in doing so improve our environment and water quality.

- Reduce the number of people exposed to flooding risk.
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