

## Drains and Grids

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As the weather takes an Autumnal turn, we're sharing information about grids and drains, an issue often raised with us.

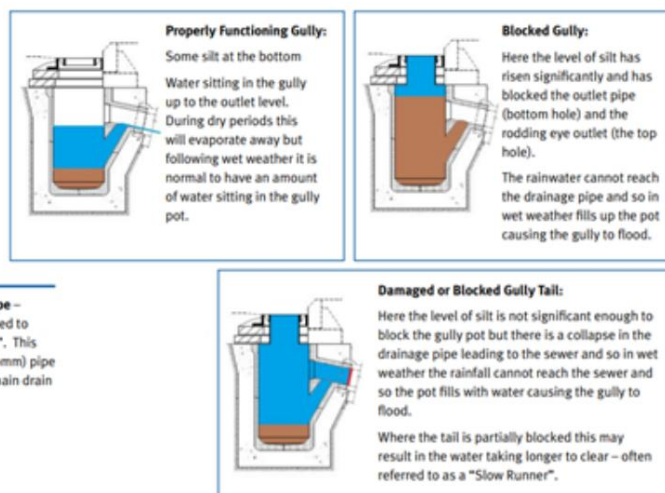
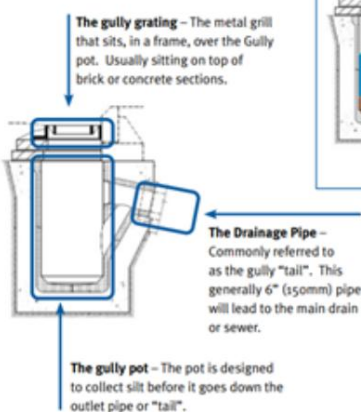
The council is responsible for the drainage of adopted roads in the borough. Surface water which falls onto roads and pavements drains into a system of road grids, these eventually go into United Utilities systems, or they can go directly into rivers or other watercourses.

At this time of year grids can be blocked by leaves and debris causing standing water. Street cleansing has a programme to address this. If you are aware of a blocked grid outside your home, and you are able to do so safely, you may be able to remove these. You **should not** push the leaves into the drain.

Each drain, or gully, has a 'pot' underneath. This is there to collect silt to minimise the risk of a blockage. The council cleans this on a routine basis to remove the silt and ensure that water can flow through the gully easily.

### 1. Drainage Systems Explained:

The typical features of a road drain:



Source: [Drainage and flooding | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Gullies can vary in how fast they drain. Some may overflow during heavy rain without a blockage, many will clear once the rain stops. You can report a blocked grid or drain if it is causing a significant inconvenience or a safety issue. The council will then decide whether it needs an additional clean outside of the scheduled programme. Tree roots and material that gets into the drains can cause problems.

The council has published further information here: [Grids and drains - Stockport Council](#)  
You can report problems here: [Report a blocked drain - Stockport Council](#)