

Parish Conference 16/2/10 - Response to Gullies Query

There are 26,000 roadside gullies across the Borough. They are all connected to soakaways, roadside ditches or piped sewer systems.

All gullies throughout the Borough are cleaned at least one per year. Where gullies exist in locations that are known to give rise to problems, i.e. overhanging trees that shed leaves and can cause blockages they are cleaned more frequently. Gullies in these positions can be cleaned up to four times a year dependant upon need. Where specific incidents arise, the number of visits can be increased.

The Borough employs two gully emptying machines that carry out both routine gully cleansing and respond to incidents such as flooding. Naturally they are particularly busy during periods of prolonged or intense rainfall

It is theoretically possible to let parish councils know when gully cleaning will be undertaken in their area. It can be very difficult operationally to identify specific dates for particular roads as they can vary from time to time due to operations reasons as outlined above. Operations will look into publishing this information for the benefit of Parishes and residents.

In the meantime, please report any problems associated with gullies to Streetcare Services on 01628 683804 or email: Streetcare@rbwm.gov.uk

Eric Livingstone
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