

# Advice, Information & Suggestions to help reduce the risks of flooding.

## **GULLIES**

These should all have been cleaned out last August but some were missed, either due to parked vehicles or other reasons. ERYC have stated that they should now be cleaned out annually. The gully grates should have a “BLACK” plastic tag and the SIDE gullies should have a “YELLOW” spot of paint. Those with a yellow cross had a problem and most seem to have been rectified.

There are still some with red tags and one in Church Lane, which is not draining the water. ERYC have told us that they do not have the resources to come back to do individual gullies, but where there is likely flooding, in West Ella Road, West Ella, we have asked ERYC to attend.

We suggest that Residents keep a check on any gully grate outside or near their own home and let us know if the water does not drain away and any other problems.

## **STONES ON DRIVEWAYS**

Will all residents please note that stones/pebbles on driveways must be retained by a pin kerb and must not be allowed to escape to the footway or road and must definitely not find their way into the gullies. ERYC can charge for gullies that need to be cleaned out more frequently.

## **SOAKAWAYS**

Please ensure that you have as much soakaway area as possible, within your own property. Aerate lawns to allow water to penetrate and fork borders, to allow water to soak in. Please use permeable materials where possible.

## **FENCES and WALLS**

Please ensure that the water can flow. In several cases the water backed up and then went through air bricks and caused flooding.