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Our home makes up part of a Georgian terrace in Cheltenham and we have a lovely roof garden. However, this sits at a higher level than the two "stink pipes", and the smells can be unpleasant. Is there a filter cap we can purchase to manage the obnoxious odours? Please help.

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There are various products on the market that contain carbon filters to screen out noxious sewer smells and that can be easily fitted to the outlet of the soil vent pipe. The Studor Maxi-Filtra is an activated-carbon filter designed to eliminate bad odours produced by the drainage system. Its replaceable filter cartridge, which lasts for up to two years, allows the system to "breathe", but prevents the sulphides that create the odours from reaching the atmosphere. The Studor Maxi-Filtra costs about £47, from humm-busters.com.

