

Pigeons



Introduction

Feral pigeons build their nests in or on buildings and other structures, where they are usually found on ledges. Nests are flimsy and a variety of materials are used for nest building.

Why they are a problem

Pigeons are a problem because they foul buildings, this is unsightly and destructive:

- acid in their droppings erodes stonework
- gutters and down pipes can become blocked
- pavements, ladders and fire escapes may become unsafe due to the potential for slipping on wet droppings

They carry diseases and increasing numbers may be linked to the rising rate of inner-city asthma. The food people deposit for pigeons attracts rats and this, in turn, creates a risk from disease.

What you should do

The most effective way to control pigeon populations is to reduce the available source of food and this is also the kindest method.

Do we treat this problem?

Generally speaking no, although there are commercial companies that do. The one exception is nests that are on the balconies of council tenants. Please note there is a charge for this service.

More information

Go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/677.html or call Pest Control on 023 9283 4251.

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For translated information, please call:

- the Bengali answerphone service on 023 9284 1651
- the Cantonese answerphone service on 023 9284 1652

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