



**HARWICH  
TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PEST CONTROL POLICY**

Pest control on allotment sites is the responsibility of plot holders, not Harwich Town Council. However, the council require a plot holder to report all infestations.

Tenants are asked to support allotment practices that do not encourage vermin.

Harwich Town Council does not resolve rat and mice infestation problems. As with any land there will always be rats and mice present on allotment sites.

Harwich Town Council recommend that you contact a local pest control company and arrange for a professional to deal with any infestation. Poisoned bait placed in the open is not acceptable as this may harm other wildlife.

From time to time wild bees and wasps build nests on allotments. The council does not provide a service to dispose of these for plot holders (unless they are located on communal areas). Harwich Town Council recommend that you contact a local pest control company and arrange for a professional to deal with the nest.

Bees are **not** classified as pests as they are important in the pollination of fruit and flowers. They should **not** be destroyed without specific written permission from Harwich Town Council.