



THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE 06/02/2018

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOTMENT HOLDERS TO REDUCE VERMIN

Thetford Town Council has received reports of vermin, including rats, being spotted on Mundford Road allotment site. Initially bait traps were laid but have proved to be ineffective presumably due to the availability of food, particularly chicken feed that can be found on the sites. This is a problem that must be tackled together and the council request that all allotment holders follow the simple guidelines below to ensure that vermin are not encouraged due to inadequate housekeeping. Please ensure:

- chicken feed is not scattered about plots;
- chicken feed and water is dispensed from a suitable feeders placed off the ground;
- chicken are fed early in the day and not at roosting times when feed is more likely to be left;
- chicken runs are cleaned regularly and moved about the plot;
- only suitable waste is put on compost heaps and that they are regularly turned over;
- rubbish piles do not accumulate as this can provide shelter;
- that buildings on your plot are kept to a minimum i.e. one shed within the regulation size of 6' x 8';
- that there is no carpeting on your plot to suppress weeds as this also provides shelter for vermin.

Allotments should be open spaces with low level fencing only, used mainly to cultivate vegetables and fruit. Buildings should be limited to one shed and fowl should be limited to 10, be well looked after and should only occupy a maximum one third of the plot. Plots should be kept clean and tidy, free of rubbish and non garden materials. If the rules and regulations are adhered to the vermin problem should soon be resolved.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the Council on 01842 754247, or by email on mail@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or in writing to King's House, King Street, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2AT.

Please see our website: www.thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk for a copy of the rules and regulations.