

# PESTS & VERMIN



Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon  
Borough Council

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## FEEDING PIGEONS

The Council advises **NOT** to feed pigeons.



This can cause problems for example:

- ⚠ Rats could be attracted by the food that has been left out for the pigeons.
- ⚠ Rats carry disease harmful to humans and may damage property.
- ⚠ There is a risk to human health from unhealthy pigeons as they can carry potentially infectious diseases, such as Salmonella and Tuberculosis, as well as causing respiratory and skin problems.
- ⚠ Large numbers of feral pigeons can frighten smaller birds and deprive them of food.
- ⚠ Large numbers of these birds can result in large amounts of bird excrement. This can cause slip hazard and damage property.

If you wish to feed small birds, please do so responsibly, by using rodent-proof bird feeders positioned off the ground.

**For further information or advice contact  
Environmental Health in the Council on  
0300 0300 900.**

# HOW CAN I GET RID OF RATS?



## 1. Sanitation:

- ✔ Store household waste in tightly sealed containers. Secure your bins. Have tight fitting lids.
- ✔ Clean up spilled or unused pet food. Store all pet food in sealed containers.
- ✔ Clean up pet excrement on a regular basis and disinfect yards.
- ✔ Do not scatter food for wildlife such as birds or squirrels.
- ✔ Use rodent-proof bird feeders, and keep them off the ground.

## 2. Eliminate shelter:

- ✔ Repair cracks or small holes in your building.
- ✔ Repair broken windows and doors.
- ✔ Seal holes where pipes or wires enter the building.
- ✔ Repair screens and foundation vents.
- ✔ Cut back any overgrown grass or shrubs.
- ✔ Repair any broken sewers.

## 3. Population control:

- ✔ Choose traps or poison for rodent control.
- ✔ It is recommended that you contact Environmental Health for advice or employ a pest control company to investigate further and carry out the necessary treatments.