



Comments from Local Authority Officers

Because of the positive feedback we achieved from all our previous reports, we again asked Local Authority Officers responsible for pest management/pest control to “detail any comments you feel may be relevant to be included in the final report”.

Constituents’ willingness to report rats at domestic premises attributed to the fact that this Authority still offers a free pest control service.

The lack of an active pest control department is a detriment to the public health of those in our area.

No changes to policy or service level, so our increase reflects the true position regarding the increase in population.

Irresponsible disposal of waste, lack of investment by the water authority for sewer baiting and imposed charging policy are all playing a role.

Complete lack of interest by the water authority regarding drainage disrepair and baiting of the sewers.

Climate change, increased food availability from fast food outlets and overfeeding of wild birds continue to be the most probable cause in our area.

Decking, fly tipping, bird feeding and poorly sighted rodent proof compost bins.

Wild bird feeding, unsecure compost bins, Flooding in our area and building, both domestic and commercial.

DIY pest control and inadequate proofing measures by commercial premises continue to give concern and with the current recession will undoubtedly continue.

This Authority now only offers a service for internal rat and mouse treatments.

Reduction attributed to introduction of charging, now less than one third engage our service.

Attractive food sources in unsecure compost bins, Bill Oddie with stupid comments regarding rats and bird food, unsuccessful DIY treatments, climate and change in Local Authority policy.

Government not taking pest control and environmental health seriously.

Climate change, flooding, bird feeding, poor composting, DIY treatments and the reliance by many of the public on ultrasonic deterrents.



A welcome addition to the 2008 National Rodent Survey Report was the response and inclusion of data from 27 (twenty seven) private sector company members of The National Pest Technicians Association.

The data supplied by these private sector members listed below confirms and consolidates the data supplied by the Eighty per cent (80%) of local Authorities that supplied returns for the 2008 Report.

Our 27 (twenty seven) private company members confirm an increase in both Brown Rat and Mouse infestations resulting in a treatment escalating by on average some 25% (twenty five) for brown rat treatments and 22% (twenty two) for mice above that of the previous year.

Conclusions given by our private sector members confirm the concern raised by Local Authorities and enhance those given suggested reasons for the increases raised by this report, these suggestions can be seen after list of participating members.

Edwards Pest Control, Membership No. 1179
Expelit Pest Control, Membership No. 1180
1066 Pest Control, Membership No. 1315
Pestguard, Membership No. 1520
Intercept Pest Control, Membership No. 0481
All Clear Pest Control, Membership No. 0124
C&R Pest Management, Membership No. 1491
Conqueror Pest Control, Membership No. 0117
Universal Pest Control, Membership No. 1243
Pestology Pest Management, Membership No. 0511
Complete Pest Management, Membership No. 1187
Raptor Pest Control, Membership No. 1326
Surekill Pest Control, Membership No. 0476
Shires Pest Control & Wildlife Management, Membership No. 1031
C.V. Pest Control, Membership No. 0672
Soham Pest Control, Membership No. 0794
Protecta Pest Control, Membership No. 0975
Pied Piper Pest Control – Wales, Membership No. 0028
D&M Pest Control, Membership No. 0370
Alpha Pest Control, Membership No. 1316
Agent Orange Environmental Ltd, Membership No. 1439
Predator Pest Control, Membership No. 1245
John O’Conner (GM) Ltd, Membership No. 1476
Pest Solution Ltd, Membership No. 1415
Pestcare Environmental Ltd, Membership No. 1047
SPW Pest Control Ltd, Membership No. 0199
Molebusters, Membership No. 0222



Summary of replies from Private Sector Business Members regarding Rodent Survey Questionnaire for 2008

Bird feeding is a major factor regarding residential areas.

Any decrease in reported treatments can only be attributed to the increase in council charging policies, which results in customers turning more and more to the DIY type treatment rather than pay until the problem gets out of hand, this overall trend will probably worsen with the present economic climate.

Climate change and the change by our authority to alternate weekly refuse collection are contributing to the increases we witness in our area.

Alternate weekly collection of waste combined with excessive bird feeding, are adding to the challenge of placing baits and bait uptake.

All our clients are Local Authorities- Changes to uptake of requests for treatment is usually a result in a change to budgets/attitudes rather than actual population changes. Regarding mice, Pests Act, proofing not baiting, can attribute my decreased annual figure to the fact that the only action taken by our authorities now, is under the 1949 Prevention of Damage.

Poor maintenance, repair and baiting of sewers in our area.

Urbanisation, climate, bird feeding, lack of investment by private water companies, poor public hygiene, refuse collection and fast food outlets all play their role in a growing public health problem.

More awareness and better hygiene from the general public and food outlets is essential in controlling the growing problem.

Significant increases can be attributed to the closure of our local authority pest control department and the increased feeding of wild birds.

Little change due to our local authority still providing a free service although garden infestations due to bird feeding are becoming increasingly difficult to eliminate due to bait shyness possibly linked to DIY treatments.

Poorly monitored alternate refuse collection and support from the domestic householder combined with the feeding of wild animals are continually reported by our Pest control officers.