

Information Item

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Wiltshire Council's Pest Control team are pleased to be able to visit the area board meetings to offer advice on the services available to the general public, local businesses and parish and town councils. The pest control team covers the whole of Wiltshire with all officers fully trained to deal with a wide variety of public health pests.

A recent study by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health¹ asking residents their views on pest control found that 85% of those questioned believe that their pest control department is an important part of public health protection in their area.

The pest control team provides treatments for rats, mice, wasps, fleas, bedbugs, clusterflies, carpet moths, squirrels, and cockroaches. In order to ensure the service is accessible to all the community discounts of up to 50% are offered for certain means tested benefits.

To give you an idea of the number of pests we deal with during the winter of 2012/13 we treated just fewer than 1000 rodent problems and in August 2013 we treated 514 wasp nests affecting homes and businesses in Wiltshire.

Pest control officers work closely with Environmental Health Officers often identifying vulnerable residents who may require further assistance and referring the customer to other services.

If you or someone in your community has a pest problem advice and information can be found on the web pages [/www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/publicprotection/pestcontrol](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/publicprotection/pestcontrol). We can be contacted via our on-line [pest control enquiry form](#) or through the Council's 0300 4560100 telephone number.

¹ <http://cieh.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=46952>