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## Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 November 2020 13:56  
**To:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Cc:** Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Subject:** Re: Safety Concerns regarding Ducks in Town Centre

Many Thanks Mr Bishop I eagerly await that information in due process.  
Kind Regards

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> On 26 Nov 2020, at 13:01, Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear [REDACTED]  
>  
> Thank you for your e-mail regarding Ducks in the Town Centre. This is a well-documented subject in our Swaffham Newsletter, following deliberations by your Town Council on many occasions. It is a subject that divides the Town and spreads across land/property that is not the responsibility of the Town Council. Breckland Council environmental Health are also aware of the on-going problem that we have in respect of some people feeding the ducks, whilst others discourage it and many like yourself identify a health hazard.

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> I will of course raise the matter with Town Councillors at their next meeting in December in two weeks' time. I will be in touch to let you know the outcome.

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> Best regards,  
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> Richard Bishop  
> Town Clerk

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> -----Original Message-----  
> [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 26 November 2020 10:55  
> To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
> <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>  
> Subject: Safety Concerns regarding Ducks in Town Centre

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> Good morning Mr Bishop.  
> Councillors,

> May I make complaint regarding the droves of now semi domesticated ducks that are making a horrendous stench by their faeces and feather dander causing possible serious medical conditions to humans and other animals if ingested orally or inhaled.

> In the past 6 days I have witnessed 3 persons flagrantly disregarding their own lives and the persons travelling in cars/vans/lorries having to brake hard and swerve to avoid an accident due to down right stupidity by individuals stepping into a road and ushering these birds away from transiting traffic.

> I have not witnessed persons feeding these birds but the consensus in town and from shops that it is a regular occurrence especially at Saturday market and primarily from persons purchasing from fresh food vendors.

> May I request some action regarding these issues before some person is made ill or injured or killed as was a friend some years back at the back steps of the Sacred heart School after stupidly being friendly to ducks and it cost her her life.

> Yours Sincerely

> ~~Michael Harris~~

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