

## Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council

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**To:** Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Subject:** FW: Rats on the allotment

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**From:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 November 2020 11:19  
**To:** 'David Ward' <[REDACTED]>; Deputy Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <deputyclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>; Graham Edwards <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Rats on the allotment

Dear David,

I acknowledge your e-mail regarding rats, which will go before the Recreation & Community Services Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> November for consideration.

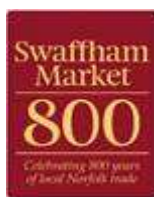
I am certainly not aware that there are any past occasions where your letters have been ignored or have not been replied to. If it has, then I apologise as it would only be through pressure of work. I will just say that the language and manner in which you converse could be a little less harsh. I would suggest a slightly less abrasive approach might be better received by the Committee, when asking them to do something on your behalf.

As you say, these are difficult times and it would be appreciated if you take this into account, as we are all under pressure from all quarters, not in the least of these is Covid-19 in the middle of a pandemic.

Either I or the Deputy Clerk Claire Smith will get back to you after the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop  
**Town Clerk**



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**From:** David Ward <[REDACTED]>  
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Hi all

Here I go again and yes I accept we are in difficult times at present and I also accept that council funding is diminishing and there are much more important things to think of than rats. But they are important as they carry a disease which can cause us great harm [leptospirosis, Weil's disease] so it is **important** that we all do our best to keep their numbers down, if we can. At the very least you should make sure our management of our chickens etc are not effecting the increase of their numbers. Many plot holders who have livestock I am sure are careful how they are feed, to limit that possibility of the rats taking it from the chickens etc. However some are not as the attached shows. If you the council are not prepared to provide poison to try and keep the numbers down you must at the very least do something about the irresponsible few who just don't care, as I say the attached will show different.

I hope to get a reply to this e-mail but have not had replies to some others that I have sent. Which I think is rude at the very least as I pay my plot fee on time, always and keep it in a good state as possible and I am not aware that I break any of the rules [and I do read them] You should ensure they are kept they are your rules.

Regards

David Ward  
