



# Pest Control Policy

## All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S\_Doc\_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

### Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls pests at church.

There are generic types of pests that may enter church, as.

- 1) Rodents.
- 2) Insects.
- 3) Birds.
- 4) Termites.

There are 4 main reasons to control pests

- 1) Protect buildings and property.
- 2) Prevent contamination (food surfaces).
- 3) Comply with regulations.
- 4) Protects our reputation.

Pest control falls into two categories

- 1) Pests the congregation can control.
- 2) Pests that need professional advice.

**Note 1:** If you are unsure seek professional advice. It may be an offence to disturb, damage, destroy or prevent access to any place a species uses for shelter, protection or breeding.

**Note 2:** It's an offence to disturb or destroy bats, or any place they're living (roosting), even in a church.

### Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Code of Practice of the British Pest Control Association

COSHH Regulations

The Control of Pesticides Regulations (1986)

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Bats)

### Procedure

#### Prevention

The following reduces the likelihood of an infestation.

- 1) Regular cleaning.
- 2) Empty bins regularly.
- 3) Store any food in sealed containers.
- 4) Clean up directly after any events with food.
- 5) Remove any clutter where pests can hide.
- 6) Trim all shrubs and vegetation debris 1m away from all church buildings.
- 7) Outside drains covered

#### Congregational Control

Minor and occasional pest infestation (ants, wasps, flies etc.) any uncontrolled pest product that can be purchased at a supermarket or DIY store can be used. The user must only control pests when the church is not in use.

#### Professional Control

More serious infestations (rats, mice, cockroaches or termites) require professional control. In these situations, the church will follow the professional control procedures of the company employed. It is the Churchwardens responsibility to make all arrangements.

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Professional control measure might include.

- 1) Poison.
- 2) Traps.
- 3) Physical deterrents or barriers.
- 4) Chemical deterrents.

### **Forms**

None

### **Diagrams**

None

### **Appendices**

None

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