

Advice Notes for Pest Control



WASP

Wasps – The Council will only treat for Wasps if the nest is less than 20ft from the ground – usually about gutter height on a two storey house. There must actually be a nest for us to treat. Sometimes flowering ivy will attract a lot of wasps and other insects, but we cannot treat in this instance. We do charge the standard fee. If in a loft, it must be boarded and, if possible, with access via a loft ladder. Our Pest Control Officers do carry a step ladder with them.

Description – The Wasp has yellow and black markings. There is a waist between the back part of the body and the section where the wings are. Honey bees are normally a more orangey brown and brown colour in colour, and are hairy. Hover flies are very similar to wasps, but the yellow and black banding on a hover fly is more definite and even. It is also normally smaller than a wasp.

Further Info – A wasps' nest looks round, grey and paper-like in structure. The entrance hole is usually found at the base of the nest. A nest is normally only used once.

Wasps are most active during the day so the best time to treat is at dusk, when most of the wasps will be in the nest.

Wasps normally start to die off around October–November time. This is when the queen leaves the nest to hibernate.

How to Treat – To treat the nest, you can use an insecticidal powder or liquid that has a long lasting effect. You must follow the instructions carefully on the container. You will normally be required to spray a few squirts of the treatment around the entrance hole to the nest.

As the wasps become active, they will tread on the treatment, taking it back into the nest – this will kill the queen, the wasps and the grubs. Some grubs may hatch, but they will leave the nest.

The treatment will normally be successful within 3–4 days, but some times it may be necessary to re-treat.

How the Council will treat – Our Pest Control Officers use a spray treatment – very similar to the instructions above. If the treatment isn't successful, then the customer must ring back within 7 days.