

Pigeons

We can provide advice and may be able to help you if pigeons are creating a nuisance and fouling your property

Residents in properties managed by Registered Social Landlords should contact their Housing Officer. They will then decide whether to request a quote from us to do the works.

For private residents and businesses we will provide a quote for the cost of any necessary work. Please email us on pest.control@towerhamlets.gov.uk or contact the customer contact centre who will pass calls to the pest control team.

Foxes

As foxes do not pose a direct threat to public health, we do not consider them to be pests. However, we do accept that they can cause problems.

Like other London boroughs, we do not trap or destroy foxes because this is not effective. When a fox is removed another fox will quickly take over the vacant territory.

Advice is available from The Fox Project charity at <http://www.foxproject.org.uk/> or their recorded message about deterring foxes on 01892 826222.

These are the types of nuisance foxes can cause, with suggestions on how to minimise the problems:

Emptying dustbins or tearing refuse sacks. Foxes, cats, rats and dogs can all spread rubbish around.

- The easiest way to solve this is to keep lids on bins and don't leave food waste outside in bags or bin-liners.

Disturbance at night by calling and barking. Between December and February female foxes (vixens) make a screaming sound at night to show they are ready to mate.

- You can buy a strong smelling repellent to discourage foxes.

Marking territory with droppings and scents. Foxes communicate with each other using scents, with strong-smelling urine or faeces used to mark their territories.

- If you can, remove the reason for foxes marking your garden as part of their territory. This could mean removing easy sources of food, blocking holes in fences used for access or preventing access to resting-places under sheds or elsewhere.

Threats to smaller household pets. Foxes pose no threat to dogs and will rarely attack a cat.

- If you have smaller pets or chickens in your garden, make sure they are kept in secure hutches or enclosures, especially overnight