

## Do Not Feed The Pigeons

Pigeons are a common sight in urban areas, drawn by the availability of food waste and suitable roosting spots. Unfortunately, a high pigeon population can lead to several problems:

**Health Risks:** Pigeons can carry diseases and parasites that can be transmitted to humans through contact with droppings, feathers, and nests. These health risks include respiratory issues, skin reactions, and the spread of foodborne illnesses.

**Property Damage:** Pigeon droppings are not only unsightly but also corrosive. Over time, they can damage metals, stonework, and brickwork.

**Attracting Vermin:** The presence of food waste left by pigeons can attract other pests such as mice and rats, further exacerbating hygiene and sanitation issues.

### What Can We Do?

As a community, we can take proactive steps to manage our pigeon population and mitigate these issues:

**Avoid Feeding Pigeons:** Refrain from feeding pigeons in public spaces as this can lead to overpopulation and associated health and property damage risks. Pigeons have a natural diet and do not require feeding from humans.

**Proper Waste Disposal:** Dispose of food waste and litter properly by using public bins. Minimising the availability of food sources can help deter pigeons from congregating in urban areas.