

## Secure your building

Simple steps can be taken to make your building less attractive to gulls.

### Spikes & wires

- Upturned spikes can deter gulls from roosting
- Spikes work best on ledges and around chimney stacks
- A low density of spikes will not be effective
- Wires stretched along ridges of pitched-roof buildings can deter birds from roosting
- Wires stretched across a flat roof in parallel rows can stop gulls landing

### Netting

- Netting can prevent gulls landing on roofs
- Netting to be close-fitted to a roof should be coloured to match roof materials
- Netting visible from the ground should be transparent or neutral colour
- Check netting regularly to ensure no birds get entangled in it

Find out more at

[www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/pest-control/gull-control](http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/pest-control/gull-control)



# PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GULLS

## ADVICE TO BUSINESS



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# Gulls - Tackling the problem together



Urban gulls create mess by scavenging for food, spread their droppings on buildings and pavements and can be very noisy.

Gulls are attracted to areas where food is plentiful and where there are attractive nesting sites – like high, flat roofs. We can all play a

part in tackling the problems they cause.

## How you can help – top tips

- **To keep our streets clean, attractive and safe for residents and visitors you must put out your business recycling and waste on the street for collection on the right day.** In the Worcester BID area waste can only be presented for collection 6am-9.30am. If your waste is not collected within these timescales you must take it back in from the pavement or highway or you could be fined £100.
- **Make sure your business rubbish and recycling is put out in the correct containers.** Don't overfill. Ensure they are closed properly.
- **If you need to use waste sacks, please use the gull-proof sacks available FREE from Worcester BID.** Find out more at [www.worcesterbid.com](http://www.worcesterbid.com)
- **Display a "Feed the bins, not the gulls" poster** – download from [www.worcester.gov.uk/gulls](http://www.worcester.gov.uk/gulls)
- **If your business involves serving food outside, please ensure your tables are cleared quickly.**

- **Consider using parasols or canopies to deter gulls from swooping down on outdoor seating area.** This will also protect your customers from the elements and be a more attractive environment.
- **If you supply take-away food, please encourage your customers to use the street recycling and litter bins.**
- **Protect against gulls nesting on your property** - see back page
- **At the end of the nesting season (usually September), remove any gulls' nests and nesting materials from your property.** This can discourage them from coming back the next year

## Did you know?

- Gulls are at their most aggressive and noisy during July and August when they are protecting and feeding their chicks
- Typically, three eggs are laid in each nest
- The majority of gulls in Worcester are lesser black backed or herring gulls
- Adult gulls can live for over 30 years
- There are 184 pairs of breeding gulls in Worcester.
- Worcester City Council runs an egg replacement programme in the city centre, which helps control their numbers



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