

Wasps



Wasps can cause concern for many reasons however they do have their uses amongst our ecosystem and do their part to aid pollination of plants and flowers.

When a wasp nest is within a property or outbuilding, this can cause some worry. A wasp nest is only active for one season, so come wintertime all the worker wasps die off and only the queens and reproductive males remain. This is so that the queens can be fertilised before their hibernation, leaving the remaining males to die off. Queen wasps entirely leave the nest at the end of the season so as to hibernate elsewhere. They will not return to the nest, so at the end of each summer season, the nest becomes redundant. You can leave old nests in place or choose to remove them in winter. You may wish to contact a pest control contractor to carry out removal for you.

- If you are the owner/occupier of a property where the wasp nest is located, it is **your responsibility** to eradicate the nest.
- Removing a wasp nest during the active season over summer can be dangerous and should ideally be left to professionals.