

Bird Nuisance in Dunsford Village

Notes taken on Advice from Teignbridge DC and Natural England

First contact was with Teignbridge District Council who advised me to contact Natural England.

Natural England - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wild-bird-general-licences-defra-and-natural-englands-approach>

I looked at the above link and then rang them for clarification. I did find that the website was not that user friendly but hope the links below will help. I did find the person I spoke to on the phone very helpful.

Natural England 03000 603 900

Advice received: -

If birds are becoming a nuisance, for public Health & Safety or causing serious damage, it is possible that they can be controlled under license.

If it is occurring on private property, then it is up to the individual to organise this.

You first need to identify the species concerned and see if they are covered by a general licence or not. For a general license, there is no application process. It is up to the individual to be/be/use a license holder and operate under the terms of the license.

There is an online screening process A09 which will say whether you will be granted permission or not.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wild-birds-licence-to-kill-take-or-disturb-for-conservation-or-public-health-and-safety-a09>

Crows, Rooks and Jackdaws are listed in: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wild-birds-licence-to-kill-or-take-to-prevent-serious-damage-gl42>

The advice is very clear that non - lethal means should be used in the first instance and you should be prepared to state what you have already done to try to prevent the situation happening.

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