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Sent: 28 November 2024 10:31 To: clerk@ashwell.gov.uk

Subject: Resident rats at the Springs

Dear Sally,

I am Chair of the Moss Cottage Hones, the six almshouses in Hodwell. The residents have been complaining for some weeks that rats have been coming into the gardens which are adjacent to the Three Tuns garden and very near the Springs.

I have had the pest control officer out twice. He put poison down the first time and the problem reduced. But it has restarted. On his second visit the officer checked and confirmed that there are no nests in the gardens themselves, but said many rats live down by the Springs and that the rats could be coming over the garden wall from there.

Our new resident in no. XX is afraid to go into her garden because the rats are brazen and are there in the daytime. Is there any way that the Parish Council could try and reduce the rat colony at the Springs as this may help me with the almshouse problem? I am dong my best to stop residents feeding the birds too. There is also the Tuns' to consider!

Kind regards,

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