

## Anonymised extract of comments received regarding nuisance from Seagulls

*"I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have recently sent to The Cornish Times which is self-explanatory. I also sent a copy of this letter to Cornwall Council and I forward to you their response and my counter-response as below. The situation is now even more grave. Some of the gull chicks have fallen from the adjoining roof and are now grounded in the alleyway behind our houses (they had to be removed from the garden they fell into). I have just been "cornered" in my summerhouse as each time I tried to leave it to return to the house I was dive-bombed by angry adult gulls. I eventually made it back to house by brandishing a broom above my head. My neighbour's son has already been pecked on the head and I saw a passing cat being chased and then pecked quite savagely by two adult gulls. This situation is intolerable - you have to live in it to know what it's like. I feel trapped in my own house and am quite unable to use, or even venture into, the back garden. Surely something has to be done about this situation. This is my third summer here and each has been worse than the previous one - where do we go from here? I am imploring Mrs Murray to take some action on our behalf and also Liskeard Town Council, in future years, to reinstate a programme of sterilising eggs."*

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*"the seagull sack has been a lifesaver for us"*

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*"Why don't Cornwall council just provide the proper bins so seagulls can't get to the rubbish in the first place. I moved from Plymouth and the council provided everyone with bins."*

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*"I would like to whole-heartedly register support for action to deal with Liskeards Gull issues, this problem is getting worse and simple preventative protocols to control numbers re not being put into place.*

*Gulls are vermin of the skies, they live off our waste cause litter issues, are aggressive, defecate all over washing, cars, Windows etc. We have had pets attacked and aggression towards us when out walking.*

*Most annoying at this time of year is they are being allowed to nest, this creates aggression amongst the flock which makes them more active and more noisy than normal and they create a sleep depriving noise until late into the night and then start again in the very early hours.*

*Some responsibility also should be borne by the County council whose methodology for waste and recycling collection is simply stuck in the stone age and without secure waste protocols it is a free for all for the Gulls attracting more and more as time goes on. Something needs to be done"*

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*"I am writing in support for action as I have been attacked several times on my rounds for Royal Mail. I have had to bring some mail back to the office on Samuel Bone Close between 15-19 and 20 -27. I have informed my line manager about this problem."*