**PEST CONTROL - mice**

Mice usually enter properties because they are hungry and scent food.

To prevent infestations/re-infestations, and to improve the effectiveness of the poison/traps, it is essential that good hygiene and proofing be carried out. Any areas where evidence of mice is found must be free from all food sources.

Regular and thorough cleaning of food equipment such as cookers, fridge/freezers and microwaves is required to remove any food debris and spillages.

Stored foods such as packet food, fruit and vegetables should be positioned where mice cannot feed on them, and if necessary place them in air tight plastic or metal containers to prevent access.

It is also important to proof effectively, i.e. block holes and gaps that mice may use. Mice can squeeze through gaps of about 1cm in diameter, so holes about as small as a 1pence piece.

For gaps under doors, use brush or bristle strips. Holes are best blocked using steel wool.

You can identify the mouse holes by sprinkling flour or salt around the edges of affected rooms and then tracking their paw prints ...

Traps should be laid at right angles to the mouse runs – which are usually around the edge of rooms.

If you have tried the above methods and are **still** experiencing an infestation please contact our office and we will give you the number of a local pest control company

**In Summary**

Our properties are rented out free from vermin

If you subsequently discover mice are coming to visit - It is your responsibility to help get rid of them by carrying out the simple procedures listed above.