

# We think this is a rat hole!!

We're delighted to find that we have rat holes around our garden - and embrace them. They play a crucial role in our eco-system for example by:

- **Scavenging:** Rats help clean up by scavenging and consuming waste carrion which can reduce the spread of disease.
- **Seed dispersal:** They can help with plant propagation by spreading seeds.
- **Being prey:** They serve as a food source for many predators such as snakes, owls and other birds of prey, such as buzzards and red kites.

*“Why do we want certain animals around us and not other animals? In new build homes, facilities are made in the cavity to provide bats with a home. At the same time, rats are controlled with clamps, glue plates and poison.”*

