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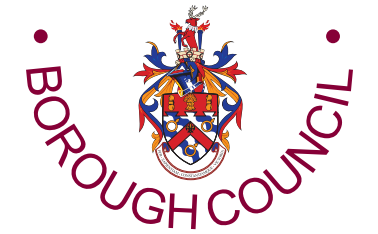
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# Carpet Beetles

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Eggs are laid in birds' nests, animal furs, skins and carpets to ensure that the emerging larvae have a supply of protein to feed on.

The larvae are approximately 5mm long and are known as woolly bears.

The larval stage may last up to seventy days and during this time, feed voraciously causing extensive damage to furs, skins and carpets made of natural materials.

## Importance

Carpet beetles do not transmit disease to man.

Their importance relates solely to the extensive damage the larvae can cause.

## Control

Check the roof space/eaves for birds' nests. All such material should be removed and properly disposed of.

Infested carpets etc., should either be disposed of or treated with an appropriate insecticide.

The immediate area where evidence of infestation has been found should be vacuumed, paying special attention to cracks, crevices, gaps between floorboards etc.

On completion, previously infested areas should be treated with a residual insecticide. Always ensure you use insecticides strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

