

Bark fissure on the trunk



Slime flux in snow at base of tree



Rat burrow access (fence)



Rat burrow behind fence under tree



Rat burrow under tree (shed side)



Norway rat by the oak tree



Rat burrow by neighbour's fence



External Rodent Infestation Report

Address: 3 Maple Close, Winnersh

Date: 20 / 2 / 2026

DETAILS:

A common misnomer regarding rats is that they are sewer rats, farm rats or roof rats when in fact, they are all one species and that's the Norway rat and they share one common trait.

They prefer to live underground in burrow systems than anywhere else and at 3 Maple Close we have two separate sites: under the shed and in the root system of the oak tree that forms the boundary of the garden.

Its my experience that when tree stumps are left and undergo rot, rats will burrow down through the decaying root system, forming burrows under the remains of the stump.

The tree has had major works where the entire top has been removed and looking at the burrow system, it maybe the case that the root stock is dying.

It will be advisable to keep an eye on the trees summer growth to see whether or not it is fact dying.