The Council will investigate complaints of rubbish accumulations on private land or in gardens which could be a potential nuisance to neighbours resulting in smells or public health risks associated with rats, mice or insects.

**An example of a rubbish accumulation**

**An example of an overgrown garden**

**However, the Council cannot do anything about overgrown gardens** (*unless it is associated with an infestation of vermin*).

If you are concerned about the amount of nettles, overgrown shrubs and trees in a garden then we would recommend that you approach the owner of the land and inform them that their property may need attention (i.e. the use of a lawn mower, clippers etc.)

## Main Areas of Advice

**Trees on (or bordering) Private Land**
Please see information on our website
http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/planning_portal/biodiversity/faq.htm
If you cannot find the information you need on our website please consult a private tree surgeon or consultant for advice via a local Telephone Directory or an internet search engine.

**Formal Planning Applications**
In relation to formal planning applications in regard to “works to trees” (trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or in a Conservation Area) please see our website http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/planning_portal/biodiversity/faq.htm or contact the Council on 01978 298989.

**Trees on Public Land (‘Council Owned Land’)**
Please contact our Tree Officer on 01978 298989; they deal with queries about trees on public land. There is lots of useful information about trees on public land on our website; http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/env_services/trees/contact.htm
It may be that you find your garden is too big for you to manage on your own.

If you are an older person you can contact Age Concern on 08450 549822, who will help you to find a gardener. Alternatively you could call Care & Repair on 01978 268120 for help with maintenance of your home or garden. Wrexham Country Borough Council also liaises with the Probation Service, which is able to provide helping hands in special cases. Please contact the Environment and Planning Department on 01978 298989 for further information.

Another option is ‘Landshare’, a scheme which brings together people who have a passion for home-grown food. It’s for people who:

- Want to grow vegetables but don’t have anywhere to do it
- Have a spare bit of land they’re prepared to share
- Can help in some way – from sharing knowledge and lending tools to helping out on the plot itself
- Support the idea of freeing up more land for growing
- Are already growing and want to join in the community

Landshare came out of TV’s River Cottage. It began when Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall helped some Bristol families grow veg on derelict council land. The experience was so inspiring that River Cottage decided to see if it would work nationwide. Now Landshare is a national movement of more than 45,000 people.

Please see its website for further details; http://www.landshare.net/

A further option is to become part of Incredible Edible Wrecsam, which works to help grow food for anyone to harvest for free. Mount Street Incredible Edible (opposite Halfords, next to the Nags Head pub) meets to work together every first Sunday of the month at 2pm-4pm. This can be weather dependent, updates can be found in the facebook group 'Incredible Edible Wrecsam' or by contacting Incredible Edible Wrecsam. Other workdays for individuals or groups are possible on request - please contact Incredible Edible Wrecsam to arrange.

- Conifers, high hedges and trees with dense foliage can block out sunlight and significantly alter the levels of light entering properties. This can seriously annoy people living in properties with reduced light levels. Therefore you should try to be considerate of neighbours if you have high growing plants within the curtilage of your property. Should you require advice on such matters please refer to our website which contains information about trees including ‘High Hedges’, nuisance trees and a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section for other queries; http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/planning_portal/biodiversity/faq.htm
- It’s worth remembering that if your garden borders that of a gardener then the neighbour will not appreciate weed seeds from your garden blowing on the wind into theirs. This has lead to many disputes and complaints.
During the autumn Wrexham County Borough Council has received complaints about falling leaves. **This is a natural process that we can do nothing about.**

### Disposing of Green Waste

Reducing waste and recycling is important, because it stops materials from going to landfill, reduces pollution and saves natural resources and energy.

- Green waste wheelie bins are available from the Council. If you don’t already have one please contact 01978 298989 to order one.
- 220 Litre & 330 Litre compost bins are available from the Council. The cost (including delivery) is £14.60 each.

### Civic Amenity Sites

Wrexham County Borough has three Household Recycling Centres, these are located at:

- **Bryn Lane, Wrexham Industrial Estate**  
  Tel. 01978 664868

- **The Lodge, Brymbo, Wrexham**  
  Tel. 01978 720059

- **Wynnstay Bank, Plas Madoc, Acrefair, Wrexham**  
  Tel. 01978 823810

The sites are provided for residents to dispose of household items too large or heavy for the wheeled bin and excess waste on those occasions when residents have too much waste for their bin between usual collection days. The sites also offer opportunities for reclaiming waste and for compost green waste (from garden clearances).

All Household Recycling Centres are open every day with the exception of Christmas Day.

For further information on opening times, or for general information on recycling, please consult the Waste & Recycling Section of the Wrexham County Borough Council Website or e-mail: contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk.

### Further Advice

To obtain further advice on waste accumulation nuisances please contact the Environment and Planning Department:

- **Telephone:** 01978 298989  
- **Email:** contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk