

Rubbish bags left to pile up outside flats attracting rats

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Rubbish has been left to pile up at a set of flats in Willenhall, attracting rats and foxes, residents claim.

Bags of waste generated over Christmas have overflowed the bin store at homes in Stroud Avenue and spilled out on to the pavement.

Residents have said the council binmen who have come to collect the rubbish have only taken pictures of the trash instead of removing it.



Resident Anthony Hadley-Western is angry as rubbish is piling up outside the flats and residents haven't had a bin collection since December 20

Anthony Hadley-Western, who lives at Stroud Avenue, said neither Walsall Council, who collects refuse, or Walsall Housing Group, the landlords, had taken responsibility so far.

He said: "Our group of flats hasn't had our rubbish collected since December 20.

"I have had several conversations with WHG about it.

"We have already had rats ripping the bags open as well as foxes.

"But still nothing is being done about it."

In response to the concerns both organisations vowed to address the problems swiftly.

Walsall Councilor Louise Harrison, responsible for Clean and Green said: "I can confirm that the waste at Stroud Avenue is due to be collected this weekend or on Monday.

"The unprecedented level of waste we've had to deal with over the holiday at multi occupancy locations are really about waste management and as a result we will be seeking to meet with landlords to look at joint working to prevent this from happening in the future.

"Although it's been tough to keep on top of this I would like to thank the vast majority of residents throughout the borough for their patience and resourcefulness in helping to manage their waste and recycling responsibly."