

Rat manor: Ramshackle home is so overrun with rodents locals claim 'rats are eating other rats and licking moisture off the windows'

Abandoned home which is full of junk has become a magnet for the rodents
They are visible through the windows and often lick moisture off the glass
Residents say they are at their wits' end over what to do about the property
They blame local council for failing to tackle the issue of rubbish in the house

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Residents of a picturesque Lincolnshire village are furious after an empty property became overrun by rats.

Disturbing pictures show the rodents scurrying around the property in Metheringham and licking moisture off the windows.

Locals fear rubbish left around the house is attracting the vermin and have slammed the local council for doing too little to sort it out.

A local resident, who asked not to be named, said: 'It has long been a problem.'

'Every day you can see the rats licking the condensation off the windows - there must be hundreds of them.

'The council have been out and I have told them I have found rat droppings in my garden and the house is full of so much stuff you can't even see in.

'I think it's a health hazard - not to mention a fire risk. It is overrun with rats. It's a major concern in the village.'

Another neighbour, who also didn't want to be named, said the rat-infested home wasn't just affecting those living nearby.

She said: 'The lollipop lady told me kids are screaming when they walk past on their way to school. It is appalling. It's dreadful and disgusting to think that rats are in and around my home.'

'It is a beautiful building and could be a lovely home, but it is being ruined.'

Another Metheringham resident said: 'You can't miss it. There are rats in the window - it looks like they are trying to claw their way out.

'One neighbour even told me they had seen rats eating other rats. I saw pest control there yesterday in white suits with a Transit van.'

A recent email sent to some neighbours by the council said the homeowner had six weeks to remove the vermin from the property.

A spokesman for North Kesteven District Council, said: 'The council is aware of the situation and in response to complaints made has served notice on the owner to ensure the problem is resolved as quickly as possible.

'It is working very closely with the owner to bring in pest control and achieve the best outcomes for the whole community.'