



# Attention

## Oak Processionary Moth Caterpillars

Please help us to control this pest

Caterpillar procession on oak trunk



Henry Kuppen

Nest on oak trunk (white when new)



Ralph Parks

Distinctive leaves of oak trees



Rash caused by contact with OPM hairs



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**Caterpillars of the oak processionary moth could be damaging oak trees in this area.**

Their hairs can cause unpleasant skin, eye and throat irritations in people and animals.

You can help us control this pest so we can all continue to safely enjoy our parks and woodlands.

### PLEASE:

**!** Tell us (below) if you see:

- processions or clusters of caterpillars in oak trees; or
- silken webbing trails or nests on the trunks or branches of oak trees.

**!** Keep away from the caterpillars and nests.

**!** Call NHS111 or see a doctor or vet for serious allergic reactions.

**Nests or caterpillars in other trees are unlikely to be OPM and need not be reported.**

Report OPM with Tree Alert at  
[forestry.gov.uk/opm](https://forestry.gov.uk/opm) or  
[opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or  
**0300 067 4442**

