**Look after your geese and swans**

**Follow these simple rules**

*Like people, geese and swans need a good diet to be healthy*

- **Check** Geese eat grass and plants they can find for themselves
- **Check** Feed small amounts
- **Check** Feed bird food
- **Check** Avoid bread of any sort
- **Check** No cooked food
- **Check** Don’t feed on the car park

Too much food leads to...

- Rats
- Pollution
- Bird muck
- Too many geese
- You could be fined

**Before you feed the geese and swans**

**Remember...**

- **Feed small amounts**
  - Geese eat naturally eat grass and water plants. They only need small amounts of mixed corn, floating duck pellets or uncooked plain porridge oats as extras in their diet.
  - Suitable food is available from the ice cream van or local pet shops.

- **Avoid bread of any sort**
  - Bread is the junk food of the bird world! The birds will eat it but it has few nutrients suitable for them.

- **Angel Wing**
  - Bread has too much protein and too little vitamin E. Too much can cause deformities that stop the bird from flying.

- **No cooked food**
  - Salt is very bad for geese. Cooked or processed food that contains or was cooked using salt will poison them.

- **Dung**
  - When feeding, geese can create dung every six minutes. With over 100 geese on site, that is 16 splats per minute.
  - Goose dung is slippery, contains bacteria and diseases harmful to people and causes pollution.

- **Don’t feed on the car park**
  - The geese wait on the car park and gather around cars expecting to be fed. This is very upsetting for some people, especially children.

- **Pollution**
  - Uneaten food and goose dung poisons the water. Blue Green algae is especially dangerous during the summer.

- **Too many geese**
  - Large numbers of geese force out other wildlife, eat away the wild flowers and pollute the lake.

- **You could be fined**
  - We want our birds, water and wildlife to be healthy. Inconsiderate or unsuitable feeding could lead to you being fined or issued with a fixed penalty notice.

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