

Slaughtered or Saved?



The fox traps: humane and environmentally friendly or violent and cruel? Pest Busters – the company used to install the traps - reassured Mrs Wright and Ms Fox that they use “humane and efficient” ways to resolve the issue, however, after viewing their website, it was unclear what their methods were; were they relocating the pests, or killing them? A year 9 student exclaimed that “if the foxes were being sent elsewhere, they would become a pest somewhere else, so surely they would have to murder them.” Were their “humane” ways a cover up for putting them down?

However, Mrs Wright explained that “the problem was getting out of hand” and could possibly “lead to serious diseases which would affect the students due to toxins being spread”. She also went on to express her concern for the foxes’ safety and didn’t mean to cause upset among the student body. A year 7 believes that “it is cruel and should have been stopped long before it was because it is their habitat too”. Although, the issue still hasn’t been resolved, Mrs Wright reassured us that the problem has “appeared to die down” and therefore there is no need for the traps anymore. All the traps

are now removed, however we still need to wait and see how the school will handle the remaining foxes.