

### Anti-bird spikes

1 Wealthy residents have attached 'anti-bird spikes' to trees located in the front gardens of privately owned flats in the Clifton area of Bristol. One resident, who asked to remain anonymous, said: "The spikes are solely to protect the cars, there is no other reason. There is a big problem with bird droppings around here. They can really make a mess of cars, and for some reason the birds do seem to congregate around this area. Now that is over. We did try other methods to scare off the birds. I think we had a wooden bird of prey in the branches, but that didn't seem to do anything."



2 Green Party councillor Paula O'Rourke, who represents the area, said: "I'm aware that the landowners might be legally within their rights to do this to the trees as they seem to be on private land. 38, I will be looking into this at the council. Whether allowed or not, it looks awful and it's a shame to see trees being literally made uninhabitable to birds for the sake of car parking. Sometimes it's too easy to lose sight of the benefit that we all gain from trees and green spaces and from the presence of wildlife around us in the city."

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