

# Be a good neighbour



We all have a responsibility for the quality of life in our neighbourhood.

Neighbours can be a good source of support, so why not think about introducing yourself to your neighbours if you haven't already done so?

# What makes a good neighbour?

Being a good neighbour is all about respecting other residents and not doing anything that might upset them. Most conflicts start because of misunderstandings or inconsiderate behaviour.

Here are some of the most common issues that result in neighbours falling out:

**Rubbish in gardens** - This can attract rats and be unsightly.

**Late night parties** - Consider the time of day you are making noise.



**Not taking in bins** - leaving bins on the street can be hazardous and makes the street look untidy.

**Inconsiderate parking** - Blocking neighbours' access to property or drive can be inconvenient to them.

**Loud music or television** - Having the volume too high can disturb others nearby.

**Barking dog** - Leaving your dog to howl all day can be infuriating for your neighbours.

**Unsupervised children** - Children behaving badly, screaming or misbehaving.

**Noise late at night** - Late noise is likely to affect your neighbours, who may have to get up early for work or study.

**Bad language** - Overhearing swearing can be intimidating to some people.

**Summer barbecues** - Late night barbecues can be very loud when your neighbours are trying to go to sleep.

**Slamming doors** - The sound of a slamming door is annoying and can disturb your neighbours.

**Bonfires** - Garden bonfires can blow across your neighbours' gardens and may affect hanging washing.

**Front garden** - Should be kept tidy and free from rubbish.

Neighbours should always be given consideration. If you want to build good relationships, consider the following:

**Say hello and smile** - Something as simple as this can break the ice and get you talking.

**Keep neighbours informed** - If you are having a party, a barbecue or other gatherings, let neighbours know a couple of days in advance that you will do your best to keep noise down and ensure considerate parking. If organising a party consider holding it at the weekend when your neighbours are less likely to have to be up early for work the next day.

**Support each other** - If you do get to know your neighbour, think about exchanging telephone numbers in case of emergencies.

**Look out for each other** - If your neighbour is going away offer to put out their bins and keep an eye on their house.

**Respect** - Always show each other respect in all you do.



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