

## Being a Good Neighbour



### PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

When you leave Halls or your Family Home to live in the Private Rented Sector you will be living independently, perhaps for the first time. This guide contains information on a number of basic issues which you should consider.

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Bangor and the surrounding area contain a large number of student houses, but it is also home to many permanent residents and you must be aware that the area you live in will not be a solely student area.

You are members of a community which includes elderly people; families with children; working people; and you should consider their needs, and their right to have as good a quality of life as you do.

Whilst many students at the University are involved in activities which are of great benefit to the local community, the bad behaviour of a few can have a significant impact on the attitudes of others towards students. There are a number of things you can and should do, which will demonstrate your own responsibility and your respect for your neighbours and the community:

- ★ Introduce yourself to your neighbours when you move in – if you get to know each other, any problems will be sorted out more easily. Don't forget that you can keep an eye on each other's houses (helpful for you during the holidays, when there may be thieves about!)
- ★ If you are living in a terraced or semi-detached house, remember that the walls may be quite thin so any slamming of doors, shouting, loud music etc. is likely to be heard by your neighbours.
- ★ Be considerate when coming home at night; your working neighbours will probably have to get up early in the morning. If there are 6 of you living in a house, each coming in at different times in the night and you all slam the door, there is potential for your neighbours to be woken up 6 times!
- ★ Keep the volume of your radios, TV's, stereos at a reasonable level. If you like loud music, try investing in some headphones.
- ★ Low frequency noise can carry further than other sounds. Try and position speakers off the floor and away from partition walls.



★ If you are affected by noise yourself, contact the Student Housing Office or the Student Union Advice Centre. In extreme cases the University may take disciplinary action against persistent noise offenders.

★ If you are planning a party, make sure you let your neighbours know. Try to agree a mutually acceptable time for the music to be switched off.

★ Find out the day when your bins are emptied, and don't leave them on the street on non-collection days. These can cause obstructions, and make the area look really unpleasant.

★ Gwynedd and Anglesey Councils now collect materials for recycling – so do use the relevant box to recycle as much of your rubbish as you can.

★ Don't leave furniture or other items such as mattresses out on the street assuming they will be collected with the rest of your rubbish – they won't. You can call the local Council to arrange a collection of unwanted furniture.

★ The local numbers are as follows:

**Gwynedd: [www.gwynedd.gov.uk](http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk)**

For information regarding rubbish collection, collection of large items (inc fridges), or recycling (inc composting), telephone 01286 672255

**Anglesey: [www.anglesey.gov.uk](http://www.anglesey.gov.uk)**

For information regarding rubbish collection and recycling, telephone 01248 752860.

★ Keep your front garden free of litter. Although it may not be yours, it makes the neighbourhood look unpleasant.



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