

## Taking Your Own Civil Action – Nuisance Complaints

Sometimes it may be not be possible for us to take any formal action with regard to your nuisance problem.

This may be due to us not being able to witness the nuisance or that it only occurs occasionally and does not amount to a statutory nuisance.

The law recognises this and allows you to either:

1. Make a complaint direct to the **Magistrates' Court** under Section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.  
Make sure any letter is dated and signed and ensure you keep an accurate copy for your records.
2. Take action in your local **County Court** for a 'private nuisance'. This is a method which is best adopted after consulting a Solicitor and relies on you proving on the balance of probabilities that your right to reasonable enjoyment of your property has seriously been affected.

Prior to taking any independent court action you are advised to consult a Solicitor.

Details of the Magistrates Court to contact:

Bath and Wansdyke Magistrates Court

North Parade Road

Bath

BA1 5AF.

Telephone: 01225 463281

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