

University of Kent STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The University wants its students to integrate well with the local community and have a good reputation

It is important that students make every effort to fit in to the community, and do not cause annoyance or complaints to their neighbours, especially with regard to late night noise disturbance (after 11pm)

THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES WILL RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

Here are some suggested guidelines for living in private sector accommodation.....

Make an effort to introduce yourself and get to know your neighbours when you first move in. As a newcomer it is important to be friendly and polite.

1. **DO NOT** play loud music after 11.00pm. Have consideration for those people who may have to go to work or school each day very early. It is everybody's right to have an uninterrupted nights sleep.
2. **DO NOT** shout or have loud conversations inside or outside your accommodation late at night or slam cupboards or doors. It will wake the neighbours and may disturb young children.
3. **AVOID** excessive car noise late at night such as revving of engines playing of stereos with the doors open or the slamming of doors.
4. On alternate weeks, place landfill rubbish in black plastic sacks **inside** your wheelie bin and remember to put it out on the correct day in the correct place for the Council to collect. Rubbish that can be re-cycled should be placed in the clear plastic sacks provided by the Council.
5. Your wheelie bin needs to be brought back to your house the same day once it has been emptied. Do not leave rubbish outside the bin, as it will not be taken away.
6. **DO NOT** leave your vehicles in neighbour's drives, spaces or hard standings. Use your own car space and **never** obstruct a neighbour's drive.
7. **DO NOT** intrude into your neighbour's garden or cause litter around their property. This also includes friends and visitors.
8. **DO NOT** allow your garden to overgrow. Make sure you are aware of any gardening responsibilities before you rent the property. Either you or the landlord should cut the grass regularly.
9. **NEVER** threaten any neighbour or cause an unnecessary argument that may lead to physical violence. Seek advice from the University of Kent Accommodation Office or the Students Union if any serious disputes occur for advice on the best way of dealing with it.
10. Do avoid arranging large scale parties at your house i.e. more than 10 people. Instead try and arrange any party somewhere else more suitable eg within university or other suitable licensed premises.

Please play your part in building a better reputation for students in Canterbury