

BIRD NOISE INFORMATION & DIARY PACK

Includes:

- 1. Diary Sheets/Questionnaire for the recording of bird noise nuisance;**
- 2. A Neighbour Note specifically designed for bird noise issues;**
- 3. An information leaflet for the owner of bird(s) who may be crowing excessively.**

If you have any additional concerns about the welfare of any animal; please **contact the RSPCA on 03001 234999 or via: <https://www.rspca.org.uk/>.**

Diary Sheet/Questionnaire (NOISE from Birds/Cockerel)



ALL PARTS MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED

Your Name:	
Your Address:	
Your Telephone Number:	
Your Email Address:	
ADDRESS COMPLAINED OF:	
NAME OF OCCUPIER:	
Have you spoken to the person making the noise about this issue? Please give details:	(We are ordinarily unable to help if you have not done so without good reason; such as a history of aggression/violence)
Have you written to them? Please give details:	(We are ordinarily unable to help if you have not done so without good reason; such as a history of aggression/violence)
Was either approach helpful; if only for a short period? Details:	
Formal intervention by us may ultimately end in Court action. Are you prepared to attend Court and give supporting evidence if required?	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Yes No </div> (If we are unable to consider Court action, if appropriate, because you are not prepared to give evidence, this significantly limits the things we can do to help you)

This statement consisting of page(s) signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

PLEASE NOTE: Information in those columns marked **** will be copied to the person making the noise.

RETURN TO: Upload to your Swindon Borough Council myaccount case via the following link: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20023/environmental_problems/353/report_noise_disturbance.

EXAMPLE

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Dear Neighbour

You may not be aware that your cockerel is crowing / birds are being noisy and disturbing me in my home.

I have been advised by Swindon Borough Council to contact you first before I make an official complaint.

I have been given this leaflet with some tips and suggestions that you may like to try.

Thank you

Times of day when the noise most affects me:

The location of the bird(s) when I hear it(them) the most:

Possible 'triggers' / causes of noise.



Cockerel Noise

It is not illegal to own e.g. Cockerels on your land. However, as an owner of a cockerel, you should carefully consider whether the area you live is suitable to have such livestock. You must also carefully consider how the bird is kept and managed.

Cockerels, especially, if not carefully managed can create noise that can be considered a 'statutory nuisance' under The Environmental Protection Act 1990, due to its loudness at inappropriate hours.

Example of excessive and/or unreasonable crowing includes:

- Consistent prolonged periods of crowing;
- Excessively frequent crowing;
- Crows at unreasonable hour's e.g. early morning and late at night.

The following suggestions may assist cockerel owners in minimising nuisance to neighbours caused by crowing.

Cockerels tend to crow from first light and this can be a noise disturbance for neighbours.

It is advised that you contact the following for any suggestions they may have to minimise the bird/cockerel noise.

- **RSPCA** on 03001 234999 or <https://www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/askus>.

Further information can be found on:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/farm/farmanimals/chickens/company>.

Chicken owners should also remember that they should be kept within the boundary of their own land.