

UK NOISE ASSOCIATION MANIFESTO

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COMMUNITY NOISE

Many argue that our towns, cities, parks, and streets are noisier than ever before. It need not be like this.

Existing or new legislation should be used to:

In Neighbourhoods

- clampdown on 'boom' cars, noisy motor bikes and stereo systems blaring from cars
- restrict the playing of amplified music on streets where people work, shop or live
- enforce and, where necessary, introduce by-laws that forbid the playing of music in public parks
- limit the number of music events allowed in any one park or open space in a year; impose and enforce tough conditions when they are permitted
- close down premises which continue to present a noise problem in a community
- ban gas-powered leaf blowers (as over 100 American cities have done); bring in tight restrictions on the use of electric leaf blowers
- limit the number of firework public displays each year; promote the use of laser displays; lower the maximum levels for fireworks; introduce tighter restrictions on the sale of fireworks. The latter two measures are in place in Scotland.

On Trains, Buses and Tubes

- cut the number of announcements to the barest minimum: those required by law to assist visually impaired people and those essential for safety and disruption
- reduce the loudness of the announcements
- get tough with people playing music on public transport