



Mickleham Parish Council

Motorcycle Noise in Mickleham and Westhumble.

Motorbikes have been frequenting the Mickleham Bends since the dual carriageway was built in 1937. The weekend gatherings at Ryka's for mutual admiration have also been popular since after WW2. However, there is concern that noise is getting worse and is becoming an antisocial nuisance.

The Mickleham Parish Council has undertaken a survey to gauge the level of concern. Thirty-one households along the Old London Road and in Fredley were approached. Twenty-eight responded. Ninety percent felt that the problem was getting worse, especially this summer with the new Wednesday evening meetings.

Activities such as having a conversation outside curtailed, were reported by forty percent. Several households in lower Mickleham were regularly affected at night by bikes revving along the road, while upper Mickleham and Fredley were mainly affected by Wednesday evenings and the use of the Zig Zag. For a small number, the issue was not a problem with a 'live and let live' attitude. Only the police and the county council can enforce legal noise limits, so they need to be made aware of the problem.

The Parish Council can engage with District and County Councillors, local businesses, and police liaison teams, but residents must also act. Many may moan, but very few actually complain. If you don't complain then nothing will change. Complaints are logged and when numbers become large, then police and county council will have to take action. Complain as often as necessary.

Use these two links:

Police: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/antisocial-vehicle-use/>

Environmental Health: <https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/pollution/noise-complaint>

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