

## West Sussex Mediation Service External Newsletter

### Quiet Please!

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Noise Action Week runs from 18th May to 23rd May 2015. This is an awareness event organised by Environmental Protection UK, a registered charity in its own right.

Last year WSMS took 52 referrals relating to noise nuisance. It remains the number one topic of community referrals.

In support of the event we normally do a press release which often generates interest and media coverage as a result.

EPUK produces a useful leaflet on Neighbour Noise, explaining what can be done about it. It is good to see that one of the recommendations in the publication is to attempt mediation. The first advice is to approach the neighbour and explain politely that you are troubled by noise.



### Make us an Offer

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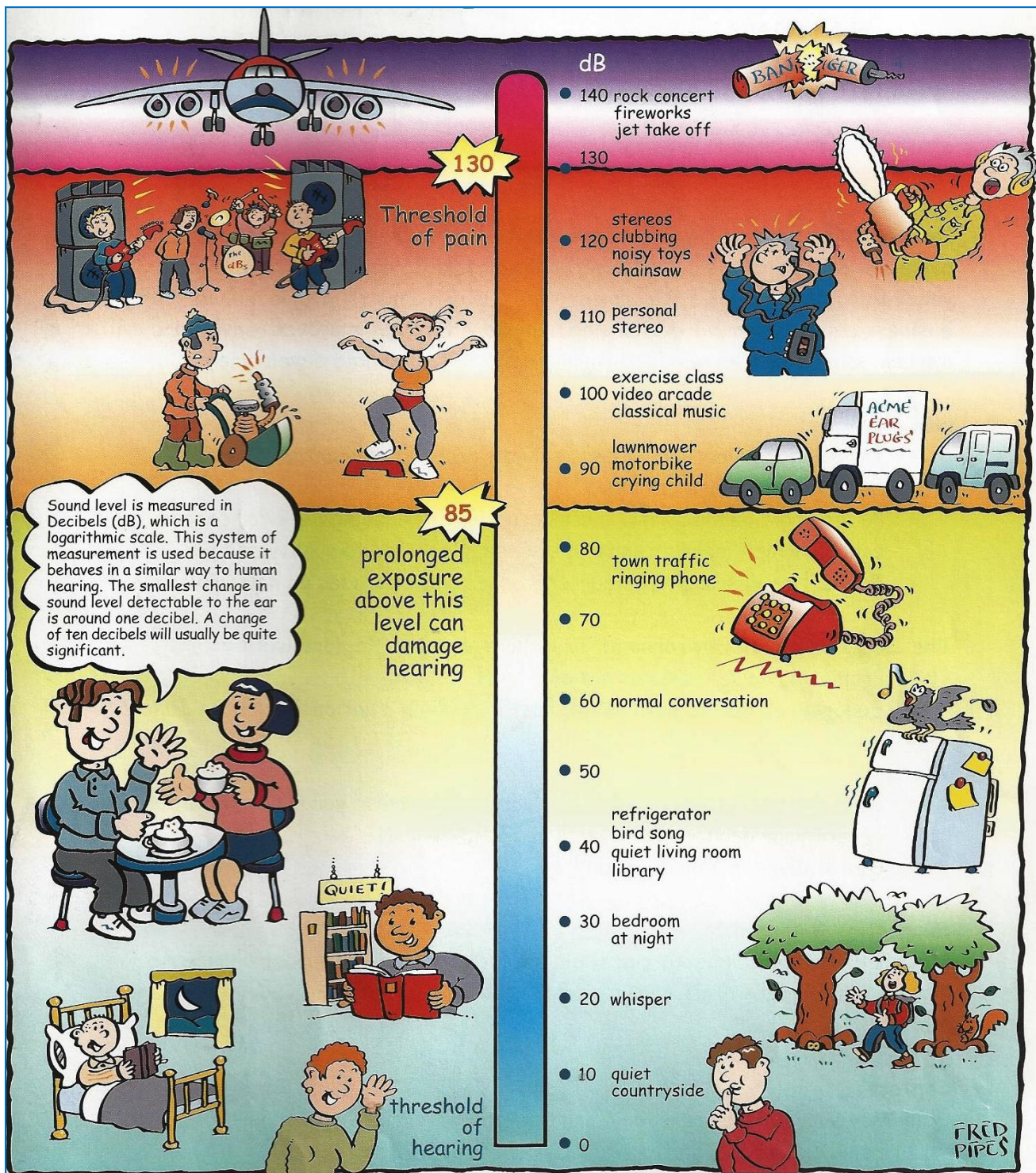
Nick managed to pick up a bargain for WSMS at a recent show at Ardingly. It is a 2m x 2m ex display, white pop up canopy with a strong cross-member roof structure, plus side curtains. This will replace our old model that suffers a bit in any windy situation. If anyone would like view the old one (featured right) and make an offer on it, do contact the office. It is blue, measures 10' x 10', has side panels and folds down into a carry case. It would be very useful for summer garden events, etc.

(The new model is **grant funded**).





# Decibel Chart



Above is a chart, published by Environmental Protection UK to show the various noise levels of everyday things we encounter in our lives.

That Classical Music is a devil at 100 decibels!

More info here:

<http://www.noiseactionweek.org.uk/about/dealing-with-noise-problems>



## Vote for Us

There are two important votes to cast during May. Hopefully you exercised your democratic vote in the General Election on the 7th May.

For the second one you don't have to walk, drive or take a bus to your local Polling Station, as you can do it at the click of a mouse.

WSMS has made an application to the Aviva Community Fund and success will depend on the number of public votes for the competing projects.

Please visit the link below to register your vote. You can have up to 11 votes each.

Voting is open between now and **30th May**. Please spread the word via Social Media for us.

To meet with the fund criteria we have come up with a project based on the elderly.

Here is our weblink:



<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/Project/View/1903>

At the last count we had only 96 votes—so we need as many people as possible to join the cause. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Quotes

“Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool,  
a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor”.

**Sholom Aleichem**

“The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others”.

**Homer**

## Our Mediators are an idle bunch!

Our case allocation board is looking a bit bare at the moment. There have been times when the whiteboard has been completely full. Not so currently. To all you referrers out there — **please send us some work**. There are lots of keen mediators 'chomping on the bit' who want to be kept busy. If you have any new staff who are unfamiliar with what we offer, do let us know, as we can give some free training.

IG 2761	Hazel: Louise	check PI 24/4	Shoreham	2761
PV 2647	Peter: Julie	check PI	Chichester	2647
PV 3016	Bob: Uschi		Hassocks	3016
PV 2991	Heather: Hazel	a/w PI re. baby	Worthing	2991
JM 2778	Mary: Harry 19	hold	Worthing	2778
JM 3003	Harry: Hazel	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 3pm	Rustington	3003
PV 2989	Hazel: Peter		Angmering	2989

## Welcome to Rachel

We are very pleased to introduce our latest volunteer to the fold. Rachel lives in Southwick and currently works in the Art Department at Northbrook College in Worthing. She was introduced to us via the **Do-It.org** website. Rachel has volunteered to help us out with Events and Fundraising. She would like to develop a career in Events Management, and is hoping to avoid the usual route, via University.

Here is what Rachel has to say:

"As the new volunteer fundraiser and event organiser for West Sussex Mediation Service, I look forward to working with you all and creating fantastic opportunities to widen our network of funding, donations and awareness. All these opportunities and events will need a huge amount of support and organisation and if any of you are willing to help, I look forward to arranging a meet up with some of you to discuss where we can go from here!

If anyone has any queries, ideas or wants to get involved, please contact me on: **rachelwalls95@hotmail.co.uk** ".



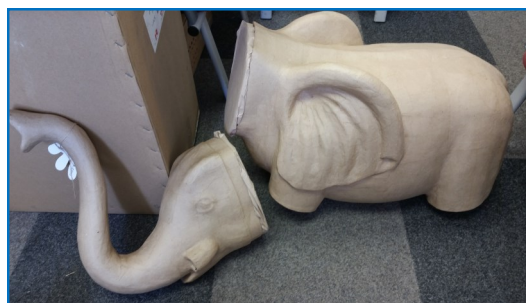
## Snippets

### > Hammer Blow –

Around the time of our last Newsletter we received notification from West Sussex County Council that they were no longer able to provide us with grant funding via the Safer Communities Team. This is a significant loss to the charity of £15,000 per annum and came without warning. The money will have to be made up elsewhere if WSMS is to survive into the future. In the meantime, we may well have to pull in the purse strings and ensure that we are not spending unnecessarily – not that we ever do!

### > Elephant Trail – (another hammer blow)

We were preparing to announce that we had partnered up with a company in Horsham for the Rotary Club of Horsham's Elephant Trail but then heard that they had pulled the plug in favour of another charity. **We now seek another sponsor**, as our Elephant has already been delivered and needs to be paid for! It has to be assembled and



decorated and given a name. If you have any ideas for a sponsor (business in Horsham or within a 10 mile radius) or a name for the Elephant, do let the office know. It will then go on display during the Trail Campaign that runs from 25th July to 30th August. The theme of the event is 'Loving Life'.

### > Waitrose Community Matters -



We are pleased to announce that we will feature in the Community Matters scheme run by Waitrose, in their **East Grinstead Branch, during the month of June.**

If you shop there, or have any friends, family or colleagues who live locally, do let them know and ask them to put their green tokens in our tank. We will compete with two other good causes for a share of £1,000.



<http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/wsms>