

## **To consider what action to take to reduce Bonfire Nuisance.**

Some residents have asked what the Parish Council can do about bonfire smoke. Some parishioners are prevented from enjoying their gardens due to frequent badly timed bonfires lit by neighbours.

There is legislation regarding nuisances caused by bonfire smoke. [Environment Act 1990](#)

In the Act, a local authority is defined as a District (Borough or County Council), which means that Parish Councils cannot enforce the Act.

TVBC provide some [advice](#).

The Parish Council could advise any residents affected by nuisance bonfires to do the following:

1. Talk to their neighbours and politely ask for the bonfires to stop or be held less frequently or at times when they are less likely to be problematic.
2. Keep a diary of the frequency and timing of the bonfires, and perhaps photograph smoke if it is particularly bad.
3. Contact Environment Protection Team / Telephone: 01264 368000 / Email: [envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk) if discussions with neighbours are not productive.

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