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BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

We all know living in a student house can be hard, and it can be made even harder if you don't get on with your neighbours - here are some tips from us on how you can be a good and friendly neighbour!

When you first move in, it is a good idea to go and introduce yourselves to your neighbours. This might seem daunting but it will create a good impression and begin to build a relationship that may make situations easier later in the year.

Speaking of arising situations, if you do have any disagreements throughout the year, be sure to handle them maturely and respectfully. Even at home when you're talking to neighbours, you represent students at the University of Lincoln and making a good impression with the community is important.

We all know students like to party and that's fine. But if you are having a party or guests over, consider the noise levels and how late the gathering is going to last – whilst you might not have to get up until your lecture at 12, it's likely your neighbour has to be up early for work, plus they might have children who need their sleep. Consider letting your neighbour know if you are going to have a party so they are prepared and can find some earplugs.

Bins are a big thing in residential communities! When putting your bins out for collection, try not to put them out until the night before, and when you do, make sure they aren't blocking the path or a properties access. Remember to bring your bins back in the day they are collected.

If you have a car, many areas of Lincoln rely on a system of permit parking, and spaces are often limited. So, ensure you park considerately and don't take up more space than needed.

Take pride in where you live. While you may only be living in that house for a term, for your neighbours it is their home, look after where you live – keep things tidy and ensure any litter is picked up.

If you see your neighbour when you are out and about say hello, a small conversation could make the biggest difference.

If you are getting parcels delivered and are using a neighbour as your alternative address – ask permission first so they aren't taken by surprise. Equally, if their parcel gets diverted to your house look after it and take it to them as soon as you are able. Building up that trust can really make a difference.

Be complimentary. If they have a cute pet or a nicely planted front garden, let them know that when you see them. Not only will it help strengthen the relationship, it might make their day.

If you see your neighbour struggling with anything, offer to help. Even if it turns out you can't help, the offer is a nice gesture.