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Nuisance neighbour gets marching orders

FED-UP residents of a Christchurch housing estate have breathed a sigh of relief after the eviction of a neighbour from hell.

Residents got so fed up with the late night parties, abuse and intimidation from Gary Colson in Dairy Close, Somerford, that they provided evidence so Twynham Housing Association could take him to court and secure the eviction last week.

Resident Services Leader Winston Nelson said: "This man made his neighbours' life a misery, and we would like to thank them for helping us secure a conviction. These actions take a lot of patience and dedication, but we would urge other residents experiencing similar problems to get in touch."

Twynham has a range of tools to ensure good behaviour from residents, of which evictions like this are the last resort.

As a result of the eviction, it is very difficult to find a home with another social landlord.

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Notes to editors

- *Twynham was formed in 1991 after an LSVT of 1600 homes from Christchurch Borough Council. It now has 2,500 properties in Dorset and Hampshire, and is Christchurch's biggest landlord.*
- *Twynham is part of Sovereign Housing Group, which has more than 15,000 homes from Oxfordshire to Devon.*
- *Mr Colson was evicted under the AntiSocial Behaviour Act 2003 at Christchurch County Court on July 27.*