Bell ringing from churches is generally within an agreed schedule so that local residents are not unduly disturbed by noise from this source.

For example, The Parish Church of St Giles in Wrexham has generally agreed schedules for its bell ringing activities. These are as follows;

- Tuesday evenings practice; 7pm - 9pm
- Saturday; 11am - 3pm (maximum of three weddings per day)
- Sunday; from 10am
- Bell Ringing School; 10am - 11am on Saturdays. Not necessarily every Saturday and for no longer than 1 hour.

Churches will have bell ringing for occasional funerals, weddings and ‘Peal’ ringing sessions, undertaken by visiting ‘Campanologists’ (bell ringers) from other churches.

The tower of The Parish Church of St Giles, famous as one of the "Seven Wonders of Wales" (on which, it is said, the tower of the Houses of Parliament is modelled), boasts a peal of ten bells cast in 1726-7 by one of the finest bell-founders of the time, Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester. Today, Wrexham is one of very few churches to have a complete ring of Rudhall's bells.

It is possible that noise which constitutes a Statutory Nuisance could be sourced from the ringing of church bells if ringing is performed in an unscheduled manner.

Should you consider that a noise nuisance is taking place from your local Church then you may wish to contact the Church directly or pursue action by complaining to the Magistrate’s Court under Section 82 of the above Act or pursue Civil Action for noise nuisance at Common Law.

Alternatively you are advised to make a complaint to this Department so that we can investigate on your behalf.

**FURTHER ADVICE**

To obtain further advice on noise nuisances please contact the Environment and Planning Department:

Telephone: 01978 298989
Email: contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk