

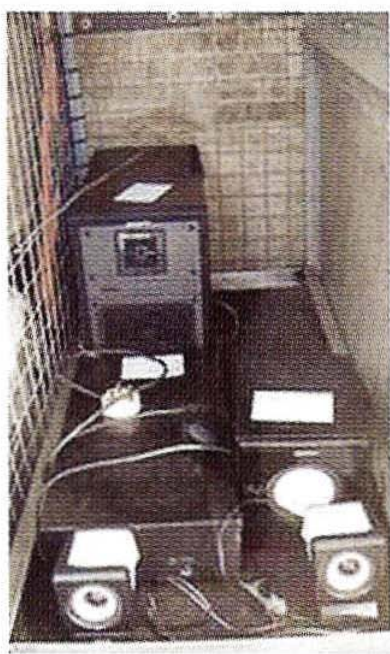
ENVIRONMENT

Noisy neighbour has gear removed

Officers from Cornwall Council's public health and protection team entered an address in Falmouth with the police and confiscated equipment used to cause a noise nuisance.

Despite previous warnings and the serving of a noise abatement notice, the occupants of the property in Killigrew Street had continued to cause unreasonable disturbance to their neighbours.

Following the breach of the legal notice, a warrant was obtained, the property entered and noise-making equipment removed. The equipment included a large television,



Sound decision: repeated noise nuisance in Falmouth led to equipment being confiscated

surround sound system, stereo system and speakers.

The removed equipment will be retained by the public health and protection department for at least 28 days and Cornwall Council also has the option to prosecute the offender, which could result in a fine of up to £5,000.

The noise abatement notice will remain in force, ensuring that any new equipment can be dealt with in the same manner should the need arise.

'Excessive noise that affects neighbours amounts to anti-social behaviour and will not be tolerated,' said Geoff Brown, Cornwall Council cabinet member for homes and communities.

'Our officers will continue to monitor and seize equipment whenever necessary to crack down on this sort of unreasonable behaviour.'