

Jayne Shenston, GSDR, Little Vault, Marden

Dear Sandra

Shirley Ann Graham from Norton Court has today given me a copy of the letter you sent to her early this month. I understand other residents received such a letter. I may have done but have been away a lot due to illness and my son may have thought it was junk mail.

Anyway, I am so pleased that just maybe something can be done to stop the current activities at Little Vault.

Personally we have had problems with Jayne and her family/dogs over the years.

Some years ago, my then student daughter was cutting our grass near the road and Jayne's partner approached her carrying a shovel and threw dog mess into her face. He claimed it was our dog's mess, from their garden.

My daughter was scared and distraught. I called around to see them that evening, I was very nervous, single mother so had no choice. I was very calm and reasonable saying that such an act would surely count as assault and not the sort of behaviour one expects from a middle aged man towards a young girl. I apologised if our old dog had messed in their garden, thought it unlikely as he was terrified walking by by all the barking from their dogs. Possible though as our dog did visit the other neighbours and was welcomed by them.

They complained about everybody living near by and their animals, I left saying that all the neighbours were kind and friendly and their dogs not a problem.

Following this they did not approach me but whenever they saw my then 15 year old son, would shout 'wanker' at him!

It made me very uncomfortable and quite nervous to be honest.

A more recent event occurred when my daughter was walking our 17yr old jack russell cross along the verge. One of the German Shepherds put his head through their fence grabbed our dog by the head, pulled him through and then set on him along with others in the pack. Both John and Jayne stood by watching. My daughter was screaming, she climbed over fence and rescued our Jack. She came back carrying him and covered in blood which I did not know if it was hers or Jacks. She was so upset but calmed down enough to look at him (she was then a student vet) and determine he needed treatment.

He had puncture wounds that had just missed his eye and others near his lungs. We really thought we would lose him that night as he was so old and in shock. Neither Jayne nor John came round.....

I think that says it all about them. I did ring the police on grounds that the fencing was not sufficient to contain the dogs and next time it could be a child. Police visited them saying this to them but still they did not enquire after the well being of my daughter or pet.

When they are out walking their dogs it often appears as if they are struggling to control them and it is nerve wracking. They can be heard shouting at the animals and I am sure they beat them.

In recent times they have built lots more pens, appear to be pumping their septic tank into a pond..... and have alienated most people around here.

Not sure if this is sort of thing that can help you. I would prefer to remain anonymous as I am often on my own here.

Lynne