

# Neighbours in living dread at Addams Family TV blast

## Bully next door played theme tune at full volume



**FEUD**  
Neil Speight



**WEIRD** Addams Family's Morticia and Gomez

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**A NEIGHBOUR from hell landed himself in court after repeatedly playing The Addams Family theme to the family next door.**

Neil Speight, 47, turned the music from the 1960s American sitcom to full volume in his semi-detached home.

He also played 1920s classic The Laughing Policeman with its "Woo ha ha ha ha" chorus.

Speight's feud with Nadine and John Pearson started after they made a single complaint about noise.

In a statement to police, Nadine said: "I can't begin to explain our suffering at the hands of this man. We got into a dispute due to noise from his house but what followed was a campaign of bullying and hatred.

"He was calling to my children through the wall when they were in their bedroom and loudly playing sounds from The Laughing Policeman and the Addams Family."

"If it was only adults, we could maybe have put up with it. But we bought this house as a family home

to bring children up." The couple, both in their 30s, told police Speight would shout and scream abuse at them at their house in Stockport, Greater Manchester.

John said: "Mr Speight has been a huge problem in our lives - he's made them a living hell. We couldn't get away from it.

"If we were in the back garden he would come out and if we moved to the front, he would follow.

"His house is through the wall from our kids' bedroom. Our daughter has repeated swear words she has heard coming from the man next door.

"One morning I came down to find her curled in a ball on the sofa, crying."

Speight, who has two earlier convictions for offensive communications, admitted harassment and was banned

from contacting the Pearsons for a year and fined £180 with £235 costs.

His lawyer Neville Warbuton told Stockport magistrates: "It's clear there is no love lost on either side between these two neighbours but there have been matters put to police on both sides."

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**NIGHTMARE**  
Nadine and house where she suffered

## Follow clues to reach 104

A WOMAN who has celebrated turning 104 says her long life is down to her daily cryptic crossword.

Violet "Bunny" Honeybun spent her birthday with family and staff at her retirement scheme house in Manningtree, Essex.

She said: "The residents call me Crossword Queen."

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## 1 in 3 in blood pressure risk

ONE in three British adults has high blood pressure, research has found.

The study screened 4,695 over-18s in the UK, of whom 1,583 (33.7%) had high blood pressure and 21.8% had it under control.

The findings, released to mark World Hypertension Day today, come from a global screening study involving more than 1.5 million people, carried out by the

International Society of Hypertension. Chief investigator Prof Neil Poulter, of Imperial College London, said: "The simplest way to save lives is to get people's blood pressure checked."

The ISH runs May Measurement Month, which aims to screen as many people as possible for the condition, which raises the risk of heart attack and stroke.