

MEMBERS' FOCUS

SUBJECT: LICENSING	
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INFORMATION:

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LICENSING TAKE
FIRST PROSECUTION**

Another first for the Environmental Health Licensing team was achieved in February when the landlady of The Vine Public House in Great Bardfield was prosecuted for breach of her licence conditions. Complaints were received from residents in The Street, Great Bardfield about noise from customers using The Vine beyond the hours for which it was licensed. The Designated premises supervisor for the public house ignored advice and warning letters from the Environmental Health Licensing Team and continued to operate in a manner which breached the license conditions, and disturbed the neighbours. The defendant pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Magistrates Court on 10th February 2009 to allowing the consumption of alcohol in the pub garden after 11 p.m., failing to ensure the pub garden was cleared and closed at 11 p.m., and allowing people to congregate and consume alcohol outside the front of the premises after 10 p.m. Magistrates fined the defendant £100 and ordered them to pay costs of £150 with a £15 victim surcharge.