

Police 'would not let man complain'

A MAN claims he is being thwarted in his attempts to make a complaint about lack of police on a town's streets.

Ian Koenig, aged 33, of High East Street, Dorchester, says police are breaking regulations by refusing to let him complain about them.

He says he has now instructed his solicitor to get in touch with top cop Insp Andy Mason to find out why.

The Western Gazette recently revealed Mr Koenig planned to lodge an official complaint because he claimed police refused to take action when he rang up to protest about drunken revellers screaming and shouting at 3am.

He was allegedly told such behaviour was not against the law and there was nothing the police could do about it.

Insp Mason has said as many officers as possible are put on patrol, especially foot patrol, when the pubs and clubs close at weekends.

Mr Koenig said: "I tried to make a complaint and they would not let me. They were supposed to call me back and did not. A complaint has been made and they will not take it.

"I have called a few times, initially they said there was no-one to take my complaint, another time they said they would leave a note in someone's message box.

"I should not have to harass them to make a complaint. I am angry that they said no complaint had been made because I tried to make one and they would not let me.

"It is against police regulations to not take a complaint and my solicitor is taking it up with their inspector."

After repeated phone calls by the Western Gazette to Dorset Police a spokesman said he was unable to comment because Insp Mason was on holiday.