BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR
Welcome to the local neighbourhood. Here are some tips to help you settle in.

Introduce yourself to your neighbours
Having a good relationship with the person living next door can help you feel less isolated and reduce any misunderstandings. If you haven’t introduced yourself to your neighbours yet, it’s a good idea to say hello.

Keep noise to a minimum
Lots of your neighbours will be getting up early to go to work, or may have young children. Try to keep the noise down at night, especially when you are leaving or coming home from a night out. Let your neighbours know in advance if you are planning a party and say your goodbyes inside the house rather than on the street.

Parking
There are new parking schemes in some parts of Reading, where you must have a permit to park on the street. You can find out information on Reading Council’s website: reading.gov.uk/parkingpermits

Keep it clean
Waste and recycling must be placed inside the bins the Council provides, with the lids shut, otherwise it will not be collected. Your landlord can order a larger bin from the Council if necessary, and he/she must remove waste left behind from previous tenants. Try not to block the pavement with your bins, or leave bottles outside the house. Find out more at reading.gov.uk/rubbish

Be aware of Drinking Control Areas
Many parts of Reading are ‘Drinking Control Areas’ which means a Police Officer can ask you to stop drinking in the street and can remove your alcohol. If you do not comply, you may be fined or arrested.

If you are having a problem with a neighbour, or need further advice, please get in touch with community@reading.ac.uk
You can also contact RUSU’s Advice Service on 0118 378 4100 or email advice@rusu.co.uk
You can find lots of other help and advice on the Essentials website: student.reading.ac.uk/essentials