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Birmingham Complaints Choir

The choir wants your complaint

The Complaints Choir of Birmingham have achieved a cult hit by setting their moans to music. They're inviting you to be a part of their next song.

Add your complaint to the comment box, below.

Back in 2005, artists Tellervo Kalleinen and Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen came up with the idea of a complaints choir. The Springhill Institute in Birmingham liked the concept.

The Institute collected complaints and choir members by using flyers and posters. Birmingham musician Mike Hurley turned the moans about the city into a song. By May 2005, the Choir had rehearsed and were performing. They recorded their performance on video.



Birmingham Complaints Choir

It was when the video was added to the video sharing website YouTube, in August 2006, that the Birmingham Complaints Choir began to attract a lot of press attention. Their first song has become one of the most popular videos on the website. At time of writing it's been viewed 302,181 times.

"I want my money back,
My job is like a cul-de-sac,
And the bus is too infrequent at 6.30"

seems to have struck a global chord.

Now it's your turn

Mike Hurley has made BBC WM's Paul Franks an offer he can't refuse. The Birmingham Complaints Choir are recording again. They need your moans and groans about Birmingham. Add your complaint to the comment box, below, and it may be used in their next song.



Mike Hurley

We'll publish a release date for the new song as soon as we

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Add your complaint about life in Birmingham here

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Bob Jones

When you demolish Dale End we want another Carling Academy!

Stuart Quinell

Why do we have the same Xmas Decorations every year? its time for some new ones

David Hurley (brother)

Tell him to get a hair cut!! and buy me a pint for being great.

James Taylor

Birmingham is all show, and a cess pit underneath. We all know this. Its a Joke

June Pearce

The Queensway Tunnel Is Evil

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Craig Williams

Broad Street is like Hell On Earth

Rob Right

Why does the mill town of Manchester claim to be the UK's second city when everyone knows that Birmingham is twice as big?

Brian Pardew

Polish Bus Drivers don't understand us.

Jim Fordham

I would like to complain that this idea has been stolen from Venezuelan school children. On a recent visit to the Caribbean island of Margarita, I went to a school fair where the children who are about 9 years old, sing what they think is wrong with the island. It is a tradition stretching back years and I'm sure you've nicked it.

Dario

My complaint is about Xmas trees around the city centre. Why they cut them? None of them have roots anymore! They are dead! it`s horrible. The council should prevent such a waste of planet resources!!!

Martin Collard

Why do Brummies throw rubbish on the floor? Why do Birmingham cars drive in Birmingham bus lanes? Why do us Birmingham people winge so much? Why is it always somebody else at fault?

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