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# £6k wedding venue silences its fireworks

AN exclusive wedding venue has been forced to use 'silent fireworks' after neighbours complained about disruption – and claimed a dog had suffered a seizure as a result of the loud bangs.

The Secret Gardens, owned by Roger Saul who founded high-fashion brand Mulberry, charges couples £6,000 to host receptions among its stunning lakes and disused 19th century viaduct.

But those living near the venue at Kilver Court in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, were furious after an 'exceptionally' loud display left firework shells in gardens.

Now the venue has promised to restrict itself to so-called 'mute' fireworks.

Josephine West, who called the police following the display last month, said: 'I'm so glad they have pulled their finger out, it was totally out of order.'

'The debris from the shells that hit my house, car and lorry were big. Let alone the seizure it caused my dog to have.'

Kayley Ashman, who lives in the area, added: 'We had no warning. They were very loud and the remains were landing in my aunty's garden. Thank God they missed the hot tub.'

Events supervisor Elliot Curtis has told neighbours: 'We were not made aware of how large the shells would be.'

'Due to this we will no longer be allowing shows of such magnitude, and will only allow mute shows.'

Quiet pyrotechnics are often used in built-up areas. The lack of a bang means the displays are not as spectacular but music can be used to complement the display.