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“Nothing in life is to be feared.  
It is only to be understood.”

Marie Curie

# TINNITUS!

*Joining our group allows  
us to make your voice heard.*

*Help us to help you and other tinnitus sufferers.*



[www.tinnitusbham.org.uk](http://www.tinnitusbham.org.uk)

## WHAT TINNITUS IS!

Tinnitus is the name given to any kind of noise heard in the ears or head. Different people hear different noises: banging, whistling, humming, buzzing, cracking and ringing - to name but a few. It may seem to come from one ear, both ears or from inside the head, and can vary greatly in volume.

The precise mechanism of tinnitus is not known. However, it is nearly always associated with some kind of damage to the hearing system which can be put down to several reasons such as noise exposure, infections, genetic disorders, and general wear and tear. Tinnitus can affect anyone whose hearing system has been damaged to any degree, from those with little or no hearing loss to those who cannot hear at all.

## WHAT TINNITUS IS NOT!

Tinnitus is not a disease but a symptom or side effect, usually of damage to the hearing system. Very, very rarely does it have a sinister cause, and it is certainly not a sign of insanity!

## WHY THE GROUP WAS SET UP

As yet, there is no medical cure for tinnitus, and for this reason it needs to be managed from a therapeutic angle. Information, advice and support are the best medicines for tinnitus, and belonging to a group is one way of receiving a regular dose.

## AIMS OF OUR GROUP

To give all tinnitus sufferers in Birmingham and the surrounding areas access to up-to-date information through: -

- Meetings & Support Literature:
- To offer anyone troubled by tinnitus the chance to meet other sufferers in a supportive environment.
- To provide opportunities for members to share ideas about coping with tinnitus.
- To support tinnitus research and work towards improvement of services available to tinnitus sufferers.

## INFORMAL SUPPORT MEETINGS

These are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August October and December in the centre of Birmingham at:

St Martin in the Bullring

Edgbaston Street

Birmingham

B5 5BB

<https://www.bullring.org/>

The meetings start at 10.15 am and finish at 11.45.

They provide an opportunity for people to share experiences and ways of coping with tinnitus. These meetings start at 10.30 a.m. and finish at 12.00 midday. They are ideal for the new sufferer and everyone, including family and friends, is welcome to drop in.