

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Byelaws made by Oxford City Council under section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968, with respect to Shotover Country Park in the County of Oxfordshire.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Oxford City Council;

“the land” means Shotover Country Park in the County of Oxfordshire.

Vehicles

2. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle on the land, or bring or cause to be brought on to the land a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except on any part of the land where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(2) If the Council has set apart a space on the land for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the land.

(3) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(4) In this byelaw:

“cycle” means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

Climbing

3. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence on or enclosing the land, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Removal of structures

4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace on the land any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the land.

Removal of substances

5. No person shall remove from or displace on the land any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant or tree.

Camping

6. No person shall on the land, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping, except on any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

Fires

7. (1) No person shall on the land intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.

(2) This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.

Trading

8. No person shall on the land, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

Protection of wildlife

9. (1) No person shall on the land intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal or fish, or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing, or the setting of traps or nets, or the laying of snares.

(2) This byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

Grazing

10. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze on the land.

Gates

11. Where the Council indicates by a notice conspicuously exhibited on or alongside any gate on the land that leaving that gate open is prohibited, no person having opened that gate, or caused it to be opened, shall leave it open.

Watercourses

12. No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse on the land to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise work or operate any sluice or similar apparatus on the land.

Pollution of waterways

13. No person shall intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway comprised in the land.

Bathing

14. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, bathe or swim in any waterway comprised in the land, except in an area where a notice exhibited by the Council permits bathing and swimming.

Metal detectors

15. No person shall on the land use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

Model aircraft

16. (1) No person shall on the land release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft.

(2) No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to take off or land on the land.

(3) In this byelaw:

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which either weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel or is for the time being exempted (as a model aircraft) from the provisions of the Air Navigation Order;

“power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substances.

Horse-riding

17. Where any part of the land has, by notices placed in conspicuous positions on the land, been set apart by the Council as an area where horse-riding is permitted, no person shall, without the consent of the Council, ride a horse on any other part of the land.

Missiles

18. No person shall on the land, to the danger or annoyance of any other person on the land, throw or discharge any missile.

Obstruction

19. No person shall on the land:
- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the land, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons on the land.

Savings

20. (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the land by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.
- (2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the

land, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the land or any part thereof.

Penalty

21. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

22. The byelaws made by the Council on 20 December 1988 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 24 February 1989 relating to the land are hereby revoked.

Dated: 5th March 1996

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL was

hereunto affixed in the presence

of:- *Joanna C Irwin*

Joanna C. Irwin

Head of Legal and Committee Services

DOE 0696

**The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the
Secretary of State for the Environment and shall
come into force on 1 July 1996**

[Signature]
Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

21st May 1996

**R M Pritchard
A Grade 5 in the
Department of the Environment**