

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

BYELAWS

Made by the Oxford City Council under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Article 6(2)(c) of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1974 with respect to parks, recreation grounds, pleasure grounds and open spaces.

1. Throughout these byelaws, the expression 'the Council' means the said Oxford City Council, and the expression 'the ground', except where the context does not so admit, means each of the parks, recreation grounds, pleasure grounds and open spaces specified in Schedule I to these byelaws.
2. Any act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person, or servant of any person, employed by the Council, shall not be an offence against these byelaws.
3. Each of the grounds specified in Schedule II to these byelaws shall be opened at the hour of 7.30 in the forenoon and shall be closed in the afternoon one-half-an-hour after sunset or otherwise at a time displayed on a notice in or at the entrance to the grounds except that on a Sunday the grounds shall be opened at the hour of 10.00 in the forenoon : provided always that this byelaw shall not be deemed to require the grounds to be opened and closed at the hours hereinbefore prescribed on any day when, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf, the Council close the grounds to the public.
4. On any day on which the ground is open to the public a person shall not enter it before the time or enter or remain in it after the time appointed in the foregoing byelaw.
5. A person shall not, without the prior written consent of the Council or in exercise of any lawful right or privilege, bring or cause to be brought into the ground any cattle, sheep, goats, pigs or any beast of draught or burden.
6. A person shall not cause or permit any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the ground unless the dog be and continue to be under proper control and is effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person, and from worrying or disturbing any animal or water fowl, and from entering any ornamental water.
7. A person shall not in the ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon:-
 - (i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf, or other place is exhibited by the Council : provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one-fifth of the area of the ground;

(ii) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant.

8. (i) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than:-

(a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;

(b) a wheelchair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid

Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

(ii) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the ground.

9. A person who brings a vehicle into the ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon:-

(i) any flower bed, shrub, or plant or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant;

(ii) any part of the ground where the Council by a notice affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

10. A person shall not:-

(i) remove or displace any soil, turf, tree, shrub, or plant;

(ii) in the ground without lawful excuse or authority, kill, molest or intentionally disturb any animal, bird or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.

11. A person shall not in the ground:-

(i) bathe, wade, or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water;

(ii) intentionally, recklessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

12. A person shall not in the ground affix any notice to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or to or upon any tree or plant, or to or upon any building, barrier, seat, or any other erection or ornament in the ground.

13. A person shall not in the ground drive, pitch or chip a hard golf ball except on land set aside by the Council for use as a golf link, golf driving range or putting course.

14. A person shall not in any part of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game play or take part in any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting play in that part of the ground.

15. A person resorting to the ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the ground has been set apart shall:-

- (i) not play on the space any game other than the game for which it is set apart;
- (ii) in preparing for playing and in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the ground by other persons;
- (iii) when the space is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
- (iv) where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not play on that space later than a quarter-of-an-hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless he is taking part therein;
- (v) except where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, not use the space for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players made known to him a wish to use the space.

16. A person shall not in the ground, without the prior written consent of the Council or in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege:-

- (i) erect any post, fence, tent, stand, building or other structure;
- (ii) sell or hire, or offer or expose for sale or hire, any article or thing.

17. A person shall not in the ground intentionally obstruct, disturb or annoy any other person in the proper use of the ground, or intentionally obstruct, disturb or annoy any officer of the Council, or any person, or servant of any person, employed by the Council in the proper execution of his duty.

18. A person shall not by operating, or causing or suffering to be operated, any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument, make, cause or suffer to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

19. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

20. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified: that is to say:-

- (i) where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable;
- (ii) where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and, from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

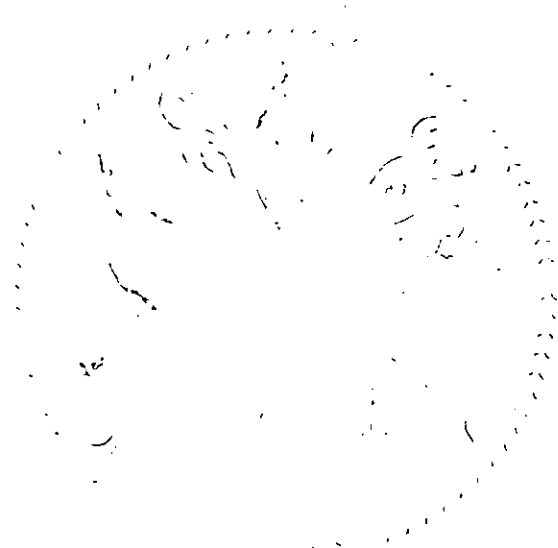
Repeal of Byelaws

21. The byelaws relating to the ground in the Ancient Parish of Headington, which were made by the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Oxford in pursuance of the Recreation Grounds Act 1859 and approved by the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on the 16th day of May 1930; and the byelaws relating to the grounds known as Cutteslowe Park, Bury Knowle Park, Florence Park, Alexandra Courts Recreation Ground, Cowley Marsh Recreation Ground and Botley Road Recreation Ground, which were made by the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of Oxford on the 16th day of April 1956 and were confirmed by the Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government on the 18th day of June 1956; and the byelaws relating to the grounds known as Hinksey Park, Headington Hill Park and South Park, which were made by the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of Oxford on the 19th day of November 1956 and were confirmed by the Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government on the 16th day of January 1957, are hereby repealed.

THE COMMON SEAL OF)
THE OXFORD CITY COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed by)
Order of the Council this)
Twenty fifth day)
of *January* One)
thousand nine hundred)
and eighty three in the)
presence of:-)



City Secretary and Solicitor



SCHEDULE I

Part I - Grounds regulated under Section 164 of the Public
Health Act 1875

Alexandra Courts Oxford
Angel and Greyhound Meadow, Oxford
Balfour Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Barton Bradley Recreation Ground, Oxford
Barton Village Recreation Ground, Oxford
Blackbird Leys Park, Oxford
Bonn Square Gardens, Oxford
Botley Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Bury Knowle Park, Oxford
Carfax Gardens, Oxford
Court Place Farm, Oxford
Cowley Barracks Playspace, Oxford
Cowley Marsh, Oxford
Cowley Road Hospital Gardens, Oxford
Cramner Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Cutteslowe Park, Oxford
Deans Ham, Oxford
Donnington Sports Ground
Dunstan Road Park, Oxford
Fettiplace Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Fisher Row Gardens, Oxford
Five Mile Drive Recreation Ground, Oxford
Florence Park, Oxford
Foxwell Drive, Oxford
Freelands Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Gaisford Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Glebe Farm Recreation Ground, Oxford
Grandpont Open Space, Oxford
Headington Hill Park, Oxford
Hinksey Park, Oxford
Hollow Way Recreation Ground, Oxford
Jackdaw Lane Recreation Ground, Oxford
King George's Field, Oxford
Kingston Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Knights Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
New Marston Recreation Ground, Oxford
Oatlands Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Oxpens Recreation Ground, Oxford
Pitts Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Quarry Hollow, Oxford
Raleigh Park, Oxford
Ridgefield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Ridgeway Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Rivermead Road Open Space, Oxford
Rock Edge Recreation Ground, Oxford
Rose Hill, Oxford
South Park, Oxford
Spencer Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford
Staunton Road Open Space, Oxford
Staunton Road Rest Garden, Oxford
Sunnymeade Recreation Ground, Oxford
Twenty Pound Meadow, Oxford
Upper Wolvercote Green, Oxford
Valentia Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Waynelete Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Westbury Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford

Part II - Grounds regulated under Section 15 of the Open
Spaces Act 1906

Chilswell Valley, Oxford
St. Giles Memorial Gardens, Oxford

Part III - Grounds regulated under Sections 12 and 15 of the
Open Spaces Act 1906

Atwell Close Recreation Ground, Oxford
Banbury Road North Sports Ground, Oxford
Bernwood Road Park, Oxford
Bracegirdle Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Canal Street Gardens, Oxford
Chillingworth Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford
Dene Road Play Space, Oxford
Dodgson Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Dynham Place Recreation Ground, Oxford
Faber Close Recreation Ground, Oxford
Flexney Place Play Area, Oxford
Friars Wharf Playground, Oxford
Girdlestone Road Play Area, Oxford
Horspath Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Iffley Fields, Oxford
Jericho Gardens, Oxford
Kersington Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford
Lockheart Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford
Lower Wolvercote Green, Oxford
Mason's Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Minchery Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Normandy Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford
Pauling Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Peat Moors Recreation Ground, Oxford
Rede Close Recreation Ground, Oxford
Sandfield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Sandy Lane Recreation Ground, Oxford
Spindleberry Close Open Space, Oxford
Thames View Road Recreation Ground, Oxford
Titup Hall Drive Recreation Ground, Oxford
Union Street Garden, Oxford
Wood Farm Open Space, Oxford

SCHEDULE II

Opening Hours - Grounds to which Byelaw 3 applies

Bury Knowle Park, Oxford
Cowley Marsh Park, Oxford
Florence Park, Oxford
Headington Hill Park, Oxford
Hinksey Park, Oxford
South Park, Oxford

The foregoing byelaw(s) ~~is~~/are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State
and shall come into operation on the ^{6th} day of *April* 1983.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



G. I. de DENEY

An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

24 MAR 1983
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