

## OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Byelaws made by 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, with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

The series of byelaws made by Oxford City Council on 8 July 1996 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 2 September 1996 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following byelaw shall be substituted for byelaw 15:

### Golf

15. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball, except on land at Cutteslowe Park which has been set aside by the Council for use as a putting course.

2. The following byelaw shall be incorporated immediately after byelaw 16 and noted as byelaw 16A:

### Noise

- 16A. (1) No person shall in the ground, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
- (a) by shouting or singing;
  - (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or

(c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument;

cause or permit 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.

(2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> November 1996

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE )

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL was )

*SA* hereunto affixed <sup>by Order of the Council</sup> in the presence )

of:- )

*Joanna Cini*  
Head of Legal and Committee Services

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of January 1997.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*R. G. Evans*

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### Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Oxford City Council;

"the ground" means each of the pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces named in Schedule 1 to these byelaws.

### Opening times

2. On any day on which any ground named in Schedule 2 to these byelaws is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

### Vehicles

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

(2) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground 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 ground.

(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

4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

#### Removal of structures

5. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground 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 ground.

#### Erection of structures

6. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

### Trading

7. No person shall in the ground, 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.

### Grazing

8. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

### Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc

9. No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:
  - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (b) any part of the ground where the Council, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.
  
10. No person shall in the ground enter upon:
  - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or

- (b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

#### Protection of wildlife

- 11. (1) No person shall in the ground 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.

#### Games

- 12. Where the Council has, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, set apart an area in the ground for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:
  - (a) play in such an area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart;
  - (b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already using that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart; or
  - (c) play any game so specified in any other part of the ground in such a manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.
- 13. No person shall, in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the ground or

other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the ground.

14. (1) No person shall in the ground play any game:
  - (a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
  - (b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
- (2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

#### Golf

15. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball, except in the ground known as Cutteslowe Park.

#### Ball games

16. No person shall play or take part in any ball game in any ground named in Schedule 3 to these byelaws.

#### Bathing and pollution of water

17. No person shall in the ground:



- (a) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water; or
- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

### Obstruction

18. No person shall in the ground:

- (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 ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

### Savings

19. (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground 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 ground, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

### Removal of offenders

20. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

### 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. Byelaws 2-5, 7-18 and 21 of the byelaws made by the Council on 25 January 1983 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 24 March 1983 relating to pleasure grounds and open spaces are hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE 1

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

Alexandra Courts, Oxford  
Angel and Greyhound Meadow, Oxford  
Atwell Close Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Balfour Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Banbury Road North Sports Ground, Oxford  
Barton Bradley Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Barton Village Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Bernwood Road Park, Oxford  
Blackbird Leys Park, Oxford  
Bonn Square Gardens, Oxford  
Botley Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Bracegirdle Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Bury Knowle Park, Oxford  
Canal Street Gardens, Oxford  
Carfax Gardens, Oxford  
Chillingworth Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Chilswell Valley, Oxford  
Court Place Farm, Oxford  
Cowley Barracks Play Space, Oxford  
Cowley Marsh Park, Oxford  
Cowley Road Hospital Gardens, Oxford  
Cranmer Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Cutteslowe Park, Oxford  
Deans Ham, Oxford  
Dene Road Play Space, Oxford  
Dodgson Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Donnington Sports Ground, Oxford  
Dunstan Road Park, Oxford  
Dynham Place Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Faber Close Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Fettiplace Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Fisher Row Gardens, Oxford  
Five Mile Drive Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Flexney Place Play Area, Oxford  
Florence Park, Oxford  
Foxwell Drive, Oxford  
Freelands Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Friars Wharf Playground, Oxford  
Gaisford Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Girdlestone Road Play Area, Oxford  
Glebe Farm Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Grandpont Open Space, Oxford  
Headington Hill Park, Oxford  
Hinksey Park, Oxford  
Hollow Way Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Horspath Road Recreation Ground, Oxford

Iffley Fields, Oxford  
Jackdaw Lane Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Jericho Gardens, Oxford  
John Allen Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Kersington Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
King George's Field, Oxford  
Kingston Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Knights Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Lockheart Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Lower Wolvercote Green, Oxford  
Manzil Way Play Area, Oxford  
Margaret Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Mason's Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Minchery Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
New Marston Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Normandy Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Oatlands Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Oxpens Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Pauling Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Peat Moors Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Pitts Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Quarry Hollow, Oxford  
Raleigh Park, Oxford  
Rede Close Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Ridgefield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Ridgeway Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Rivermead Road Open Space, Oxford  
Rock Edge Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Rose Hill, Oxford  
Sandfield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Sandy Lane Recreation Ground, Oxford  
South Park, Oxford  
Spencer Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Spindleberry Close Open Space, Oxford  
Staunton Road Open Space, Oxford  
Staunton Road Rest Garden, Oxford  
St. Giles Memorial Gardens, Oxford  
Stowood Close Play Area, Oxford  
Sunnymeade Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Thames View Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Titup Hall Drive Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Twenty Pound Meadow, Oxford  
Union Street Garden, Oxford  
Upper Wolvercote Green, Oxford  
Valentia Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Wayneffete Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Westbury Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Wood Farm Open Space, Oxford

## SCHEDULE 2

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are as follows:

Alexandra Courts, Oxford  
Angel and Greyhound Meadow, Oxford  
Atwell Close Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Balfour Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Botley Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Bracegirdle Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Bury Knowle Park, Oxford  
Carfax Gardens, Oxford  
Chillingworth Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Cowley Marsh Park, Oxford  
Dynham Place Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Faber Close Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Flexney Place Play Area, Oxford  
Florence Park, Oxford  
Freelands Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Friars Wharf Playground, Oxford  
Gaisford Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Girdlestone Road Play Area, Oxford  
Headington Hill Park, Oxford  
Hinksey Park, Oxford (enclosed part of park only)  
Kersington Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Lockheart Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Margaret Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Mason's Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Minchery Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Normandy Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Pauling Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Quarry Hollow, Oxford  
Ridgefield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Ridgeway Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Rose Hill, Oxford  
Sandfield Road Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Sandy Lane Recreation Ground, Oxford  
South Park, Oxford  
Spencer Crescent Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Titup Hall Drive Recreation Ground, Oxford  
Waynelete Road Recreation Ground, Oxford

SCHEDULE 3

The grounds referred to in byelaw 16 are as follows:

Manzil Way Play Area, Oxford  
Staunton Road Open Space, Oxford  
Staunton Road Rest Garden, Oxford  
Stowood Close Play Area, Oxford

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CITY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed )  
*Agc* by order of the Council in the presence of:- )

*M. Reed*  
Chief Assistant Solicitor

Dated: 8th July 1996

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of September 1996.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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