



**Lewes District Council**

**COMPOSITE BYELAW – DOG BAN AND ‘POOP-SCOOP’  
BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES**

**DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS AND  
REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES**

BYELAWS made by the Council of the District of Lewes under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces.

**EXTENT**

1. (1) Byelaw 3 applies to the pleasure grounds and open spaces or parts thereof described in Schedule 1, hereafter referred to as the “dog prohibited areas”.
- (2) Byelaws 4 and 5 apply to the pleasure grounds and open spaces described in Schedule 2, hereafter referred to as the “canine faeces removal areas”.
- (3) Notice of the effect of these byelaws shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions at the entrances to each of the dog prohibited areas and at the entrances or on the approaches to each of the canine faeces removal areas.

**INTERPRETATION**

2. (1) In these byelaws:  
  
“the Council” means the LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL
- (2) For the purpose of these byelaws the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the dog had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person at the time when the offence under these byelaws had been committed.
- (3) In paragraph (2) above “the keeper” shall include the owner of the dog or any person who habitually has it in his possession.

### **DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS**

3. (1) No person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in any of the dog prohibited areas.
- (2) An officer of the Council, or any Constable, may require a person in charge of a dog which has entered any of the dog prohibited areas to remove the dog therefrom.

### **REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES**

4. Every person (other than a registered blind person) in charge of a dog which is in any of the canine faeces removal areas who, without reasonable excuse, fails to remove forthwith from any such area any faeces deposited by the dog shall be guilty of an offence.
5. For the purposes of compliance with Byelaw 4 the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) it shall be a sufficient removal from the canine faeces removal areas if the faeces are deposited in a receptacle in any such area which has been provided for that purpose by the Council;
  - (b) without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing it shall not be a reasonable excuse that a person in charge of the dog did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces.

### **REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS**

6. Any person offending against Byelaws 3(1) or 4 may be removed from the pleasure grounds and open spaces by an officer of the Council or any Constable.

### **PENALTY**

7. Any person offending against Byelaws 3(1) or 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

## SCHEDULE 1

The dog prohibited areas referred to in Byelaw 1(1) are:-

(i) under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Childrens Playground	Convent Field Recreation Ground, Priory Ruins, LEWES
Childrens Playground	Bell Lane Recreation Ground, Bell Lane, LEWES
Childrens Playground	De Montfort Estate, De Montfort Road, LEWES
Childrens Playground	Landport Recreation Ground, Landport Road, LEWES
Childrens Playground	De La Warr Green, LEWES
Childrens Playground	Malling Playing Fields, LEWES
Childrens Playground	Downs Recreation Ground, Sutton Road, SEAFORD
Childrens Playground	Walmer Road Recreation Ground, SEAFORD
Childrens Playground	The Salts Recreation Ground, Marine Parade, SEAFORD
Childrens Playground	The Peverells, SEAFORD
Childrens Playground	Crouch Gardens, SEAFORD
Childrens Playground	East Side Recreation Ground, Eastbridge Road, NEWHAVEN
Childrens Playground	Ford Road Recreation Ground, Court Farm Road, NEWHAVEN
Childrens Playground and Bowling Green	Fort Road Recreation Ground, Court Farm Road, NEWHAVEN
Childrens Playground	Cinque Foil, PEACEHAVEN
Childrens Playground	Downland Avenue, PEACEHAVEN
Childrens Playground	Mill Brooks, SOUTH CHAILEY

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Childrens Playground	Hollycroft, EAST CHILTINGTON
Bowling Green	Crouch Gardens, SEAFORD
Ornamental Gardens	Crouch Gardens, SEAFORD
Southover Grange Gardens	Southover Grange, Southover Road, LEWES

(ii) under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Childrens Playground	The Pells, LEWES
Childrens Playground	Stanley Turner Recreation Ground, LEWES

## **SCHEDULE 2**

The canine faeces removal areas referred to in Byelaw 1(2) are:-

(i) under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Convent Field, Priory Ruins, LEWES
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Bell Lane, LEWES
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Landport Road, LEWES
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Malling Playing Fields, LEWES
Recreation Ground	Nevill Crescent, LEWES
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	The Downs Recreation Ground, Sutton Road, SEAFORD

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Walmer Road, SEAFORD
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Crouch Gardens, SEAFORD
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	The Salts Recreation Ground, Marine Parade, SEAFORD
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	East Side Recreation Ground, Eastbridge Road, NEWHAVEN
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Fort Road Recreation Ground, Court Farm Road, NEWHAVEN
Recreation Ground	Avis Road, NEWHAVEN
Recreation Ground	Meridian Recreation Ground, PEACEHAVEN
Recreation Ground	Meridian Park, PEACEHAVEN

(ii) under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906

<u>Name of Ground</u>	<u>Location of Ground</u>
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	The Pells, LEWES
Recreation Ground (excluding Childrens Playground)	Stanley Turner Recreation Ground, LEWES

Given under the COMMON SEAL of the DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LEWES this seventeenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and ninety four in pursuance of a Resolution of the Council passed on the Eleventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and ninety four

THE COMMON SEAL of the )  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LEWES ) LS  
was hereunto affixed in the ) 74/94  
presence of:- )

Catherine Knight  
District Solicitor

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The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and shall come into force on 1 August 1994

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1994

J H Cleary  
An Assistant Secretary in the  
Department of the Environment