



**Lewes District Council**

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Castle Hill Local Nature Reserve**

The Lewes District Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 20, 21<sup>1</sup>, 21(4)<sup>2</sup> and 106<sup>3</sup> of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in accordance with section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Castle Hill in the town of Newhaven in the County of East Sussex.

**1. IN THESE BYELAWS**

- (a) "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 13.8 hectares or thereabouts and situated in the town of Newhaven, in the County of East Sussex declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the twenty-ninth day of April 2003 made by the Lewes District Council in pursuance of section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and therein coloured pink.
- (b) "The Council" shall mean Lewes District Council.
- (c) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.

- 2.** Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 4, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council;

**Damage to or disturbance of things in the Reserve**

- (i) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.

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Foot Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Amended by Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, Telecommunications Act 1984, Water Act 1988 and Communications Act 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

- (ii) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (iii) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature.
- (iv) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part, thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.
- (v) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any trees.

### **Bringing Animals into the Reserve**

- (vi) Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (vii) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog unless it is kept either on a lead or under proper control, or any other animal unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (viii) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

### **Areas of Water**

- (ix) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- (x) Obstructing any flow of any drain or watercourse.

### **Use of Vehicles**

- (xi) Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose;
- (xii) Operating any hang glider at such height that persons on the ground or in buildings may be inconvenienced or annoyed.

### **Use of Certain Equipment**

- (xiii) Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve without a permit.

### **Use of Firearms etc.**

- (xiv) Being in possession of a firearm (with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm) otherwise than on a public paved road, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- (xv) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

### **General Prohibitions**

- (xvi) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping.
- (xvii) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (xviii) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- (xix) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- (xx) Selling or offering or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.
- (xxi)
  - (a) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.
  - (b) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- (xxii) Skiing, skate boarding, snowboarding or roller-skating.
- (xxiii) Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing any notice board, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary mark, fence, barrier, railing, post or hide.
- (xxiv) Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire.
- (xxv) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.
- (xxvi) Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

### **3. INTERFERENCE WITH DULY AUTHORISED OFFICER**

Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of a person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

### **4. PERMITS**

- (i) The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.
- (ii) Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:-
  - (a) That it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and
  - (b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

### **5. BYELAWS**

These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise –

- (i) by a person of –
  - (a) a right vested in him/her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve,
  - (b) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled,
  - (c) any public right of way.
- (ii) Of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaker or drainage authority.
- (iii) By a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

### **6. PENALTY**

Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 of the Standard Scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

GIVEN under the COMMON SEAL of the LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL this SIXTH day of OCTOBER two thousand and eight in pursuance of a Resolution of the Council passed on the TWENTY-FOURTH day of SEPTEMBER two thousand and eight.

The COMMON SEAL of  
the LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed in the  
presence of:

L.S.  
114/08

Catherine Knight  
District Solicitor

The Secretary of State for  
Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
hereby confirms the foregoing Byelaws.

Signed by Authority of the Secretary of State

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18/5/2009