Lewes District Council

BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

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Rules for Playing Ball Games in Designated Areas

Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the Council of the District of Lewes with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

PART 1
GENERAL

General Interpretation

1 In these byelaws:
   “the Council” means the Council of the District of Lewes.
   “the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1.
   “designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;
   “invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,
   (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
   (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
   (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2 These byelaws apply to all of the areas listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

Opening Times

3 (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
    (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.
    (3) Byelaw 3(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part A of Schedule 1.
PART 2
PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

4  (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:

(a) any barrier, post, seat, or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or

(b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

(2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:

(a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;

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

(c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

5  No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Grazing

6  No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

7  No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting, or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.

Camping

8  No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping except in a designated area for camping.
Fires

9 (1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.

(2) Byelaw 9(1) shall not apply to:

(a) any event at which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit;

(b) the use in a designated area for camping of a properly constructed camping stove or barbecue in such a manner as to safeguard against damage to the ground or danger to any person.

Missiles

10 No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

11 (1) No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

(2) Byelaw 11(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part B of Schedule 1.

PART 3
HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation of Part 3

12 In this Part:

“designated route” means a route in or through the grounds which is set aside for a specified purpose, that route and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

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

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or invalid carriage;

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

13  (1) No person shall ride a horse in the ground except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.

(2) In any part of the ground where horseriding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

14  No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is right of way for cycles or on a designated route for cycling.

Motor Vehicles

15  No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

Overnight Parking

16  No person shall, without the consent of the Council, leave or cause or permit to be left any motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer in the ground between the hours of 12 midnight and 6am.

PART 4
PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part 4

17  In this Part:

“ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

“golf course” means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.
Children’s Play Areas

18 No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children’s play area unless bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children’s Play Apparatus

19 No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding Etc

20 No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball Games

21 (1) No person shall play ball games in the ground except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

(2) Byelaw 21(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part C of Schedule 1

22 No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:

(a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;

(b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or

(c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

23 It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule 2 and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Cricket

24 No person shall throw or strike with a bat a cricket ball except in a designated area for playing cricket.
Archery

25 No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field Sports

26 No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Golf

27 No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

PART 5
WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part 5

28 In this Part:

“waterway” means any river, lake, pool, or other body of water and includes any fountain.

Pollution of Waterways

29 (1) No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

(2) Byelaw 29(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part D of Schedule 1.

Blocking of Watercourses

30 (1) No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

(2) Byelaw 30(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part D of Schedule 1.
PART 6
MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part 6

31 In this Part:

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

“power-driven” means driven by:

(a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

(b) by jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or

(c) by one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

General Prohibition

32 (1) No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to

(a) take off or otherwise be released for flight, or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or

(b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

(2) Byelaw 32(1) only applies to the grounds listed in Part E of Schedule 1.

PART 7
OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Trading

33 No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive Noise

34 (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the grounds:

(a) by shouting or singing

(b) by playing on a musical instrument; or

(c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device,
make 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) Byelaw 34(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public Shows and Performances

35 No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, Hang-giders and Hot-Air Balloons

36 No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang-glider or hot-air balloon.

Kites

37 No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal Detectors

38 No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART 8
MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

39 No person shall:

(a) obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;

(b) obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or

(c) obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

40 It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
Nothing done in or under 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 lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of Offenders

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

Penalty

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

(a) The byelaws made by the Urban District Council of Seaford on 12 November 1928 and allowed by the Minister of Health on 27 December 1928 relating to the Pleasure Ground known as “The Salts” situate on the Parade, Seaford are hereby revoked.

(b) The byelaws made by the Borough of Lewes on 13 June 1960 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 20 August 1960 relating to Bell Lane Recreation Ground are hereby revoked.

(c) The byelaws made by the Borough of Lewes on 12 November 1965 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 28 January 1966 relating to the Pleasure Grounds at Landport, Priory Grounds, South Malling and Southover Grange are hereby revoked.

(d) The byelaws made by the District Council of Lewes on 25 July 1997 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 17 September 1997 are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE 1

List of Grounds

Lewes

Bell Lane Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 1 attached to these byelaws

Convent Field Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 2 attached to these byelaws

Jubilee Park Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 3 attached to these byelaws
Landport Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 4 attached to these byelaws
Malling Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 5 attached to these byelaws
Neville Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 6 attached to these byelaws
Southover Grange Gardens shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7 attached to these byelaws
Stanley Turner Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 8 attached to these byelaws
Eridge Green shown hatched black on Plan LDC 9 attached to these byelaws
The Gallops shown hatched black on Plan LDC 10 attached to these byelaws

Newhaven
Avis Road Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 11 attached to these byelaws
Eastside Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 12 attached to these byelaws
Fort Road Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 13 attached to these byelaws
Meeching Down Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 14 attached to these byelaws
Valley Road Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 15 attached to these byelaws

Seaford
Chalvington Field Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 16 attached to these byelaws
College Road Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 17 attached to these byelaws
Crouch Gardens Recreation Ground shown hatched black and cross hatched black on Plan LDC 18 attached to these byelaws
Downs Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 19 attached to these byelaws
Hardwicke House Gardens shown hatched black on Plan LDC 20 attached to these byelaws
Lexden Road Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 21 attached to these byelaws
Martello Fields shown hatched black on Plan LDC 22 attached to these byelaws
Normansal Park Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 23 attached to these byelaws
Salts Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 24 attached to these byelaws
Sandore Road Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 25 attached to these byelaws
Village Green shown hatched black on Plan LDC 26 attached to these byelaws
Walmer Road Recreation Ground shown hatched black on Plan LDC 27 attached to these byelaws
Land adjacent to Alfriston Road shown hatched black on Plan LDC 28 attached to these byelaws
Brickfield Open Space shown hatched black on Plan LDC 29 attached to these byelaws
Blatchington Pond shown hatched black on plan LDC 33 attached to these byelaws.

Telscombe
Telscombe Playing Fields shown hatched black on Plan LDC 30 attached to these byelaws

Peacehaven
Meridian Park shown hatched black on Plan LDC 31 attached to these byelaws
Cinque Foil Play Area shown hatched black and cross hatched black on Plan LDC 32 attached to these byelaws

PART A
The grounds referred to in byelaw 3(1) are as follows:
Lewes
Southover Grange Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7.

PART B
The grounds referred to in byelaw 11(1) are as follows:
Lewes
Southover Grange Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7.

PART C
The grounds referred to in byelaw 21(1) are as follows:
Lewes
Southover Grange Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7.
Seaford
That part of Crouch Gardens Recreation Ground which is cross hatched black on Plan LDC 18.
Lexden Road Open Space – All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 21 attached to these byelaws.
Peacehaven

That part of Cinque Foil Play Area which is cross hatched black on Plan LDC 32.

PART D

The grounds referred to in byelaw 29(1) and 30(1) are as follows:

Lewes

Landport Recreation Ground - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 4.
Southover Grange Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7.

Seaford

Blatchington Pond – All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 33.

Newhaven

Avis Road Recreation Ground - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 11.
Eastside Recreation Ground - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 12.

PART E

The grounds referred to in byelaw 32(1) are as follows:

Lewes

Neville Recreation Ground - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 6.
Southover Grange Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 7.
Eridge Green - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 9.
The Gallops - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 10.

Newhaven

Valley Road Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 15.

Seaford

College Road Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 17.
Hardwicke House Gardens - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 20.
Lexden Road Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 21.
Normansal Park Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 23.
Sandore Road Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 25.
Land adjacent to Alfriston Road - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 28.
Brickfield Open Space - All of the area shown hatched black on Plan LDC 29.

SCHEDULE 2

Rules for Playing Ball Games in Designated Areas

Byelaw 23

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games must comply with the following rules:

1. No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the area has been set aside.

2. No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.

3. Where exclusive use has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play during that period.

4. Subject to paragraph (5), where the area is already in use by any person their permission to play must be sought by any other person wishing to play.

5. Except where they have been granted exclusive use by the Council for more than two hours, any person using the area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and know that any other person wishes to use the area.

6. No person shall play when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area of the ground.
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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
JUBILEE PARK
LEWES.

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LDC. Plan No 5

BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
MALLING RECREATION GROUND
LEWES.

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
EASTSIDE RECREATION GROUND
NEWHAVEN

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
HARDWICK HOUSE, GARDENS
SEAFORD

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
MARTELLO FIELDS
SEAFORD

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
NORMANSAL PARK OPEN SPACE
SEAFORD

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
VILLAGE GREEN
SEAFORD

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BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
WALMER ROAD RECREATION GROUND
SEAFORD

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LDC. Plan No 31

BYELAWS
PLEASURE GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES
MERIDIAN PARK
PEACEHAVEN

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

[Signature]
District Solicitor

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of November 2003

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

[Signature]
P Rowsell
Senior civil servant
in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

31 OCT 2003
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