



## Lewes District Council

### SEAFORD HEAD NATURE RESERVE

#### BYELAWS

The Lewes District Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 20, 21 and 106 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Seaford Head in the District of Lewes.

1. In these byelaws “the Reserve” means the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 308 acres or thereabouts situate at Seaford Head in the District of Lewes and for the purpose of identification shown edged red on the map attached hereto and declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by four declarations dated as to the First on the Third day of February One thousand nine hundred and sixty nine, the Second on the Twenty ninth day of October One thousand nine hundred and seventy six and the Third and Fourth on the Twenty fifth day of October One thousand nine hundred and seventy eight made as to the first by the Seaford Urban District Council and the second third and fourth by the Lewes District Council in pursuance of Sections 19 and 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited, except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by or on behalf of the Lewes District Council in accordance with byelaw 4 and except insofar as they may be necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an Officer of the Lewes District Council, or by any person or servant of any person, employed by the Lewes District Council:-

- (a) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature;
- (b) Taking or intentionally disturbing, damaging or destroying the eggs of any living creature;
- (c) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, ringing, injury or destruction of any living creature;
- (d) Intentionally removing, cutting or damaging any plant or other vegetation whether living or dead;
- (e) Intentionally removing any soil or rock, or defacing any rock;

(f) 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 is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate;

(g) Driving, riding or leaving any vehicle other than a hand propelled vehicle used for the conveyance of a child or invalid elsewhere than on a road or parking place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose;

(h) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within the Reserve any dog or other animal unless it is kept under proper control and is effectually restrained from injuring or disturbing any animal or bird;

(i) Turning out to feed or graze any cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, asses, mules, goats or other animals, or any poultry;

(j) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping;

(k) No person shall so as to be likely to cause damage by fire to anything in the Reserve light any fire or stove or place or throw or let fall any lighted match or other substance or thing in or among or near to grass, fern, heather, bushes, or trees in the Reserve;

(l) Any action which pollutes or is likely to pollute any water;

(m) Intentionally or negligently removing or displacing, or negligently defacing, damaging or destroying any notice board, notice, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence, barrier, railing or post;

(n) Climbing any tree;

(o) Carrying or discharging any firearms, guns, catapults or bows and arrows;

(p) Intentionally obstructing any Officer of the Lewes District Council or any person authorised to assist in the supervision of the Reserve by the Lewes District Council or any person, or the servant of any person, employed by the Lewes District Council in the execution of any research or scientific work or any work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

3. None of the prohibitions mentioned in Byelaw No. 2 (a), (b) and (c) shall have effect where they would interfere with any public rights of navigation and fishing and any other rights, easements and quasi-easements now exercised over the foreshore.

4. (1) The Lewes District Council may issue permits authorising any person or persons to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws;

(2) 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 any Officer of the Lewes District Council or other duly authorised person; and

(b) that it may be revoked by the Lewes District Council at any time.

5. These byelaws shall not interfere with the exercise by any person of a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve, or with the exercise of any public right of way or of any functions of statutory undertakers, or of a river board or other drainage authority.

6. Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of Fifty pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding Five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

GIVEN under the COMMON SEAL of the LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL this sixteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and eight one in the pursuance of a resolution of the Council passed on the Twenty fourth day of October One thousand nine hundred and seventy nine

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

Peter Oldfield  
District Solicitor

The Secretary of State hereby confirms  
the foregoing byelaws.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

J. C. Goldsmith  
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1<sup>st</sup> March 1982