

**RECREATION GROUND  
BYELAWS  
in respect of  
MANNINGS HEATH  
VILLAGE GREEN**

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Made under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL with respect to the PLEASURE GROUND known as Mannings Heath Village Green.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Nuthurst Parish Council the expression "the Ground" means the pleasure ground known as Mannings Heath Village Green.
2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
3. A person shall not in the ground
  - (i) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree or any barrier, railing, post or any other erection;
  - (ii) without reasonable excuse remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.
4. A person shall not, except in pursuance of the lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, bring or cause to be brought into the ground any cattle, sheep, goats or pigs or any beast of draught or burden.
5. A person shall not ride a horse in any grounds except on a public bridleway.
6. (i) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the ground any barrow truck machine or vehicle other than -

- (a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;
- (b) a wheelchair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid;
- (c) a vehicle which is an invalid carriage complying with the requirements and used in accordance with the conditions prescribed by regulations under Section 20 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.

Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

- (ii) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machines in any part of the ground.

7. A person who brings a vehicle into the ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon

- (i) any flower-bed shrub or plant or any ground in course of preparation as a flower-bed, or for the growth of any tree shrub or plant;
- (ii) any part of the ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

8. A person shall not in the ground skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances to the danger of any person using the ground.

9. A person shall not affix any bill placard or notice to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or to or upon any tree, or plant or to or upon any part of any building,

barrier, or railing or of any seat, or of any other erection or ornament in the ground.

10. A person shall not in the ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon
- (i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf or other place is exhibited; provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one-fifth of the area of the ground.
  - (ii) any flower-bed, shrub or plant or any ground in course of preparation as a flower-bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant.

11. A person shall not in the ground
- (i) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water;
  - (ii) without reasonable excuse foul or pollute any such water.

12. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the ground unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control and effectively be restrained from causing annoyance to any person and from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl, and from entering any ornamental water.

13. A person shall not except in connection with an event organised by or held in pursuance of an agreement with the Council engage in the sports or pursuits of golf, or archery, or discus, shot, hammer or javelin-throwing in the ground. Provided that this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the practice of the game of golf with hollow practice balls.

14. Where the Council set apart any such part of the ground as may be fixed by the Council, and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the ground, for the purpose of any game specified in the notice board, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the ground may be

necessitated, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in such part of the ground - a person shall not in any space elsewhere in the ground play or take part in any games so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such space.

15. A person resorting to the ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the ground has been set apart shall

- (i) not play on the space any game other than the game for which it is set apart;
- (ii) in preparing for playing and in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the grounds by other persons;
- (iii) when the space is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
- (iv) where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not play on that space later than quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless he is taking part therein;
- (v) except where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, not use the space for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players make known to him the wish to use the space.

16. A person shall not in the ground play cricket, hockey, football or any other ball game to the danger, discomfort or annoyance of any other person using the ground.

17. A person shall not in any part of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game play or take part in any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting play in that part of the ground.

18. A person shall not in the ground
- (i) except as hereinafter provided erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure; provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Council they grant permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure, upon such occasions and for such purpose as are specified in the application;
  - (ii) sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article, unless in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to sell or let to hire in the grounds such commodity or article.

19. A person shall not in the ground intentionally obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the ground, or intentionally obstruct or disturb any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duty or any person or servant of any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of any work in connection with the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

20. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty pounds (£50.00).

21. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the ground may be removed therefrom by an officer of the Council, or by any police constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified: that is to say-

- (i) where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable;

- (ii) where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

Given under our hands and seals this Sixth day of February 1982.

Members of the Nuthurst Parish Council

The foregoing byelaw(s) are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 19th day of October 1983.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

G.I. de DENEY

An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

5th October 1983  
Home Office  
London SW1

I hereby certify that the foregoing Byelaws are a true copy of  
the Byelaws as confirmed by the Secretary of State

Signed

M.I. PEARSON  
Chief Executive

Dated the                      day of                      1985