



# **Greenwich Council**

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Byelaws made by the Greenwich Council under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, with respect to parks, gardens and open spaces.

### **Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the Greenwich Council;

“the ground” means each of the grounds named in Schedule 1 attached to these byelaws.

### **Opening times**

2. On any day on which the ground named in Schedule 2 attached to these byelaws is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

### **Vehicles**

3. (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle in the ground, or bring or cause to be brought into the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.  
(2) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the ground.  
(3) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.  
(4) In this byelaw:

“cycle” means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of

one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such a person;

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

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads:

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

### **Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc.**

4. (1) No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:
  - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (b) any part of the ground where the Council, by notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.
- (2) No person in the ground shall enter upon:
  - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

### **Climbing**

5. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

### **Removal of structures**

6. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.

### **Erection of structures**

7. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

### **Removal of substances**

8. No person shall remove from or displace in the ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

### **Trading**

9. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

### **Horse riding**

10. No person shall in the ground intentionally or negligently ride a horse to the danger of any other person using the ground.

### **Grazing**

11. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

### **Games**

12. Where the Council has, by notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, set apart an area in the ground for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:

- (a) play in such area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart;
- (b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already suing that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart;  
or
- (c) play any game so specified in any other part of the ground in such a manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.

13. No person shall, in any area of the ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the ground.

14. (1) No person shall in the ground play any game:
- (a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
  - (b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

- (2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

### **Golf**

15. No person shall in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball except on land set aside by the Council for use as a golf practice area or putting course.

### **Skateboards and rollerskates**

16. No person shall in the ground skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances in such a manner as to cause danger or nuisance or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

### **Missiles**

17. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any missile.

### **Noise**

18. (1) No person shall in the ground, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:

- (a) by shouting or singing;
- (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
- (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument;

cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

### **Camping**

19. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping, except in any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

### **Fires**

20. (1) No person shall in the ground, intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause fire.
- (2) This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.

### **Protection of Wildlife**

21. (1) No person shall in the ground intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing, or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.
- (2) This byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

### **Watercourses**

22. No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise work or operate any sluice or similar apparatus in the ground.

### **Bathing and pollution of water**

23. No person shall in the ground:
- (a) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water; or
- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

### **Children's play area**

24. (1) No person who has attained the age of 12 years shall enter or remain in the children's play area in any of the grounds named in Schedule 3 attached to these byelaws.
- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is bona fide in charge of a child under the age of twelve years.

### **Children's play apparatus**

25. No person who has attained the age of 12 years shall use any apparatus in the ground which, by notice placed on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 12 years.

### **Obstruction**

26. No person shall in the ground:
- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties; or
  - (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
  - (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

### **Savings**

27. (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.
- (2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of 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 legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

### **Removal of offenders**

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

### **Penalty**

29. 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**

30. (1) Byelaws 2-18 and 20-30 made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough Council of Woolwich on the 18 June 1903 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 17 July 1903 relating to St. Mary's Churchyard (now known as St. Mary's Gardens), are hereby revoked.
- (2) Byelaws 2-20, 25-45 and 48-51 made by the London County Council on 1 November 1932 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 14 December 1932, in so far as they apply to Avery-hill, Blackheath, Bostall Heath, Castlewood, Charlton Playing Fields (now known as Hornfair Park), Eaglesfield, Eltham Common, Eltham Park North, Eltham Park South, Fairyhill Playground (now known as Fairy Hill Park and Playground),

Jackwood, King George's Field, Maryon Park, Maryon Wilson Park, Oxleas Woods, Plumstead Common, and Shrewsbury Park are hereby revoked.

- (3) Byelaws 2-10 and 12 made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich on 3 April 1957 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 30 May 1957 relating to St. Nicholas Gardens are hereby revoked.
- (4) Byelaws 2-8 and 10-15 made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich on 24 June 1964 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 21 August 1964 in so far as they apply to Batley Park, Charlton House Grounds, East Greenwich Pleasaunce, Hughes Recreation Ground (now known as Hughes Field Recreation Ground), Ingleside Gardens, St. Alfege Recreation Ground and Woodland Dell are hereby revoked.



## SCHEDULE I

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

Name of ground	Address of ground
Abbey Wood Park	Finchale Road, London SE2
Altash Gardens	Altash Way, London SE9
Avery Hill Park	Avery Hill Road, London SE9
Batley Park	Charlton Road, London SE3
Bellot Memorial Gardens	Greenwich Pier, London SE10
Blackheath	Blackheath, London SE3
Bostall Gardens	Viola Avenue, London SE2
Bostall Heath	Bostall Hill, London SE2
Bostall Woods	Longleigh Lane, London SE2
Briset Road Open Space	Briset Road, London SE9
Castlewood	Shooters Hill, London SE18
Charlotte Turner Gardens	McMillan Street, London SE8
Charlton House Gardens	Charlton Road, London SE7
Charlton Park	Charlton Park Road, London SE7
Cutty Sark Gardens	Greenwich Pier, London SE10
Dallin Road Open Space	Dallin Road, London SE18
Deansfield Playing Field	Rochester Way, London SE9
Dothill, Shrewsbury Park	Dothill Road, London SE18
Eaglesfield Park	Eaglesfield Road, London SE18
East Greenwich Pleasaunce	Chevening Road, London SE10
Eglinton Hill Bird Sanctuary	Eglinton Hill, London SE18
Eltham Common	Shooters Hill, London SE18
Eltham Park North	Eltham Park Gardens, London SE9
Eltham Park South and Playground	Glenesk Road, London SE9
Fairy Hill Park and Playground (formerly known as Fairy-hill Playground)	Crossmead, London SE9
Falconwood Field	Welling Way, London SE9

## SCHEDULE I

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

Name of ground	Address of ground
General Gordon Square and Playground	General Gordon Place, London SE18
Glyndon Open Space	Raglan Road, London SE18
Greening Street Open Space	Greening Street, London SE2
Harmony Woods Open Space	Sidcup Road, London SE9
Horn Park	Sibthorpe Road, London SE12
Hornfair Park (formerly known as Charlton Playing Fields)	Shooters Hill Road, London SE18
Hughes Field Recreation Ground (formerly known as Hughes Recreation Ground)	Watergate Street, London SE8
Ingleside Gardens	Ingleside Grove, London SE3
Jackwood	Crown Woods Lane, London SE18
King George's Field	Well Hall Road, London SE9
King John Field	Middle Park Avenue, London SE9
Maryon Park	Maryon Road, London SE7
Maryon Wilson Park	Thorntree Road, London SE7
Middle Park Open Space	Middle Park Avenue, London SE9
Oxleas Woods and Meadows	Shooters Hill, London SE18
Pippenhall Meadows	Bexley Road, London SE9
Plumstead Common	St. John's Terrace, London SE18
Plumstead Gardens	Church Manorway, London SE2
Queenscroft Gardens	Queenscroft Road, London SE9
Queens Gardens	William Barefoot Drive, London SE9
Rochester Way Sports Ground	Nelson Mandela Road, London SE3
Rockliffe Gardens	Southland Road, London SE18
Shrewsbury Park	Plum Lane, London SE18
Shrewsbury Park Bird Sanctuary	Dothill Road, London SE18
Southwood Road Park	Southwood Road, London SE9

## SCHEDULE I (Cont'd.)

Name of Ground	Address of ground
St. Alfege's Recreation Ground	Bardsley Lane, London SE10
St. Mary's Gardens (formerly St. Mary's Churchyard)	Greenlaw Street, London SE18
St. Nicholas Gardens	Plumstead High Street, London SE18
Sunbury Street Playground	Sunbury Street, London SE18
Sutcliffe Park	Meadowside, London SE9
The Course Recreation Ground	The Course, London SE9
The Slade Playground	The Slade, London SE18
The Tran	Court Road, London SE9
Villas Road Playground	Villas Road, London SE18
Vista Field	Middle Park Avenue, London SE9
Weigall Road Sports Ground	Weigall Road, London SE12
Well Hall Pleasaunce	Well Hall Road, London SE9
Winns Common	Winns Common Road, London SE18
William Barefoot Gardens	Alliance Road, London SE18
Woodland Dell	Mycenae Road, London SE3
Wynford Way Sports Ground	Altash Way, London SE9

## **SCHEDULE 2**

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are as follows:

Name of ground

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Altash Gardens

Bostall Gardens

Briset Road Open Space

Horn Park

Plumstead Gardens

Queenscroft Gardens

Queens Gardens

Rockliffe Gardens

Southwood Park

Sutcliffe Park

The Tarn

Villas Road Playground

Weigall Road Sports Ground

Well Hall Pleasaunce

William Barefoot Gardens

### SCHEDULE 3

The children's play areas referred to in byelaw 24 are as follows:

Name of ground

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Abbey Wood Park

Altash Gardens

Avery Hill Park

Briset Road Open Space

Charlton Park

Eaglesfield Park

East Greenwich Pleasaunce

Eltham Park South and Playground

Fairy Hill Park and Playground  
(formerly known as Fairy-hill Playground)

General Gordon Square and Playground

Greening Street Open Space

Horn Park

Hornfair Park  
(formerly known as Charlton Playing Fields)

Hughes Field Recreation ground  
(formerly known as Hughes Recreation Ground)

Maryon Park

Maryon Wilson Park

Plumstead Gardens

Queenscroft Gardens

Southwood Road Park

St. Alfege's Recreation Ground

Sunbury Street Playground

The Course Recreation Ground

### **SCHEDULE 3 (Cont'd.)**

Name of ground

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The Slade Playground

Villas Road Playground

Winns Common Play Park

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THE COMMON SEAL OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS  
OF GREENWICH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed

this 18<sup>th</sup> day

of APRIL 1997

in the presence of:-

L. OLDMAN  
PRINCIPAL LAWYER

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of August 1997.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

R. G. EVANS  
Head of Unit  
Constitutional and Community Policy Directorate

25<sup>th</sup> July 1997  
Home Office  
LONDON, SW1