



# **BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **PARKS & PLEASURE GROUNDS**

# **BYELAWS**

**Attention is drawn to the byelaws with respect to pleasure grounds and in particular the following matters**

- 1 Vehicles must be driven at a responsible speed with consideration for public safety.**
- 2 All vehicles, cycles and horses must be kept on the roads.**
- 3 Dogs are banned from children's play areas, and certain other land. Elsewhere, dogs may have to be kept on leads, or the area may be a scoop area. Look out for the signs.**
- 4 Persons must not cause damage to any turfed areas, flower beds, trees, shrubs or ornaments nor remove any turf or soil.**
- 5 Persons must not climb on trees, barriers, fences, ornaments etc.**
- 6 No persons shall skate on rollers to the danger of other persons lawfully using the footways.**
- 7 To sell or advertise any article or commodity is strictly forbidden without permission.**
- 8 Persons shall not erect a tent, stand or any other structure without permission.**
- 9 Overnight stays in caravans, vans or any other vehicle are not permitted.**
- 10 All hard ball games are not permitted except in designated areas.**
- 11 A person shall not play any musical instrument, wireless or other audio equipment to the inconvenience of others.**
- 12 Any person infringing any byelaw may be asked to leave the pleasure ground and if that person fails to obey, an officer of the council can remove that person from the ground or seek assistance from the police to do so. (offenders may be liable to a fine not exceeding £50).**

**Head of Operational Services**

made under Section 104 of the Public Health Act 1913  
by the Bath City Council with respect to PLEASURE GROUNDS.

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1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Bath City Council and the expression "the grounds" means the grounds listed in Schedule 1 to these byelaws.

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  
(i) climb any wall or fence or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other erection;  
(ii) without reasonable excuse remove or displace any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any apparatus used in the laying out or

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(iii) remove or displace any soil or plant.

4. A person shall not, without the express written consent of the Council, drive, ride, or suffer to be ridden, driven, or brought into the ground any cattle, sheep, goats or pigs, or any beast of draught or burden.

Made by the Bath City Council, with respect  
to Pleasure Grounds

5. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to remain in the ground unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained

- (i) from causing annoyance to any person;
- (ii) from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl;
- (iii) from excavating any lake, pond or stream, or any panning or boring, pool or other water.

A.G.MEECHAM,  
in that part of the Royal Victoria Park known as the

Director of Administrative  
and Legal Services,

BATH.

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made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875  
by the Bath City Council with respect to PLEASURE GROUNDS.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Bath City Council and the expression "the ground" means the grounds listed in Schedule I to these byelaws.
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 other erection;
  - (ii) without reasonable excuse remove or displace any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or 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;
  - (iii) remove or displace any soil or plant.
4. A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, ride, drive, or bring, or cause or suffer to be ridden, driven, or brought into the ground any cattle, sheep, goats or pigs, or any beast of draught or burden.
5. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to remain in the ground unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained
- (i) from causing annoyance to any person;
  - (ii) from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl;
  - (iii) from entering any lake, pond or stream, or any paddling or boating pool or other water.

Provided that in that part of the Royal Victoria Park known as the



Botanical Gardens, that part of Henrietta Park known as the Blind Garden, and in the Parade Gardens, a dog shall not be deemed to be under proper control unless it is on a lead.

Provided also that a person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge other than a guide dog in the charge of a blind person to enter or remain in any enclosed ground or enclosed part of a ground listed in Schedule II to these byelaws which by notice affixed or set up in a conspicuous position is reserved by the Council as a Children's play area.

6. No person shall on any footway in the ground skate on rollers, skate-boards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances to the danger of other persons lawfully using the footway.

7. 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 -

- (i) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;
- (ii) a wheel-chair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid,

and shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the ground.

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Council they grant permission for the driving or riding of any vehicle over any part of the ground upon such occasion and for such purposes as are specified in the application.

Provided further 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.

8. 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.

9. A person shall not in the ground ride or drive any vehicle at such a speed and in such a manner as to cause danger to other persons in the ground or without reasonable consideration for such persons.

10. 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 erection or ornament in the ground.

11. 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 on 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 necessitate, 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 game so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such space.

12. 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 occasion 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 ground such commodity or article.

13. A person shall not in the ground

(i) bathe, wade, or wash in any boating lake or in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;

(ii) without reasonable excuse foul or pollute any such water.

14. 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.



15. A person shall not by playing any musical instrument or operating or causing or suffering to be operated any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument make, cause or suffer to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the ground.

16. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

17. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any 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.

#### REPEAL OF BYELAWS

18. The byelaws with respect to pleasure grounds which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Bath on the 9th day of October 1923 and were allowed by the Minister of Health on the 18th day of December 1923, are hereby repealed.

#### SCHEDULE I

Alexandra Park	Moorfields Children's Playground
Alice Park	Moorlands
Combe Down Recreation Ground	Parade Gardens
Hedgemoad Park	Picnic Park
Henrietta Park	Royal Avenue
Innox Park	Royal Victoria Park
Larkhall Recreation Ground	Sydney Gardens
Magdalen Gardens	Twerton Roundhill

SCHEDULE II

1. The whole of the ground known as Moorfields Children's Playground.
2. That part of the Royal Victoria Park known as the Lower Common Children's Playground.
3. Those parts of the following grounds designated by the Council as children's play areas;

Alice Park

Sydney Gardens

The COMMON SEAL of the  
BATH CITY COUNCIL was  
hereunto affixed this  
5th day of April 1982  
in the presence of:-

(Sgd.) A.G. MEECHAM

Director of Administrative  
and Legal Services.

L.S.

The foregoing byelaws are hereby  
confirmed by the Secretary of  
State and shall come into oper-  
ation on the 9th day of June  
1982.

Signed by the authority of the  
Secretary of State, Home Office,  
London.  
27th May 1982.

(Sgd.) G.I. de DENEY

An Assistant Under Secretary of State.

L.S.



# CITY OF BATH



## BYELAWS

Made by the BATH CITY COUNCIL, relating  
to CONTROL OF DOGS AND REMOVAL OF  
CANINE FAECES

**N.C. ABBOTT**  
Chief Executive  
BATH



## BATH CITY COUNCIL

## BYELAWS RELATING TO CONTROL OF DOGS AND REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES

Byelaws made by the Bath City Council under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with regard to public walks, pleasure grounds or open spaces.

## EXTENT

1. (i) Byelaw 3 applies to the public walks and pleasure grounds, or parts thereof, described in Schedule 1, hereafter referred to as the "dog prohibited areas".
- (ii) Byelaws 4 and 5 apply to the public walks and pleasure grounds described in Schedule 2, hereafter referred to as the "canine faeces removal areas".
- (iii) Byelaw 6 applies to the public walks and pleasure grounds, or parts thereof, described in Schedule 3, hereafter referred to as the "dogs on leads areas".
- (iv) Notice of the effect of those byelaws shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions at the entrances to each of the dog prohibited areas, and at the entrances or on the approaches to the canine faeces removal areas and dogs on leads areas.

## INTERPRETATION

2. (i) In these byelaws:-

"The Council" means the Bath City Council.

- (ii) For the purpose of these byelaws the keeper of the dog shall be deemed in charge thereof, unless the Court is satisfied that the dog had been placed in or taken into the charge of some other person at the time when an offence under these byelaws had been committed.

- (iii) In paragraph (ii) above, "the keeper" shall include the owner of the dog or any person who habitually has it in his possession.

## DOGS PROHIBITED FROM THE GROUNDS

3. (i) No person in charge of a dog (other than a registered blind person in charge of a dog), shall without reasonable excuse, permit the dog to enter or remain in any of the dog prohibited areas.
- (ii) An Officer of the Council, or any constable may require a person in charge of a dog which has entered any of the dog prohibited areas to remove the dog therefrom.



## REMOVAL OF CANINE FAECES

4. Every person in charge of a dog (other than a registered blind person in charge of a dog) which is in any of the canine faeces removal areas who, without reasonable excuse, fails to remove forthwith from any such area any faeces deposited by the dog shall be guilty of an offence.
5. For the purposes of compliance with Byelaw 4 the following provisions shall apply:-
  - (i) It shall be a sufficient removal from the canine faeces removal area if the faeces are deposited in a receptacle in any such area which has been provided for that purpose by the Council.
  - (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall not be a reasonable excuse that a person in charge of a dog did not have with him any means of removal of the faeces.

## DOGS ON LEADS

6. No person in charge of a dog shall, without reasonable excuse, permit a dog to be in the dogs on leads areas unless the dog is held on a lead and is restrained from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance.

## REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS

7. Any person offending against any of these byelaws in a pleasure ground may be removed from the pleasure ground in which the offence is being committed by a constable or by an officer of the Council.

## PENALTY

8. 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.

## REVOCAION OF BYELAWS

9. Byelaw 5 of the byelaws made by the Council on the 5th day of April 1982 with respect to Open Spaces and byelaw 5 of the byelaws made by the Council on the 5th day of April 1982 with respect to Pleasure Grounds are revoked with effect from the date on which these byelaws shall come into operation.

## SCHEDULE 1

### Part I

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875:-

Alexandra Park Children's Play Area  
 Alice Park Children's Play Area  
 Bath Recreation Ground  
 Brassmill Lane Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Brickfields Open Space Children's Play Area, Lymore Avenue



## SCHEDULE 1 (continued)

Part I (continued)

Corston View Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Dartmouth Avenue Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Green Park Children's Play Area  
 Hedgemoad Park Children's Play Area  
 Hillcrest Drive Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Innox Park Children's Play Area  
 Kelsons Field Children's Play Area, Upper Bristol Road  
 Larkhall Recreation Ground Children's Play Area  
 Moorfields Children's Playground, Monksdale Road  
 Moorlands Children's Play Area, Englishcombe Lane  
 Newbridge Road Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Newton Road Open Space Children's Play Area  
 Odd Down Playing Fields  
 Parade Gardens  
 Lower Common Children's Playground, Royal Victoria Park  
 Sydney Gardens Children's Play Area  
 Twerton Roundhill Children's Play Area  
 Weston Recreation Ground Children's Play Area  
 Widcombe Open Space Children's Play Area, Pulteney Road

Part II

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906:-

Hawthorn Grove Children's Play Area  
 Queen Square Lawn

Part III

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906:-

Calton Road Children's Play Area  
 Springfield Farm Children's Play Area

## SCHEDULE 2

Part I

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875:-

Alexandra Park (excluding children's play area)  
 Alice Park (excluding children's play area)  
 Beazer Gardens  
 Brassmill Lane Open Space (excluding children's play area)  
 Brickfields Open Space, Lymore Avenue (excluding children's play area)  
 Circus  
 Corston View Open Space (excluding children's play area)  
 Dartmouth Avenue Open Space (excluding children's play area)



## SCHEDULE 2 (continued)

Part I (continued)

Green Park (excluding children's play area)  
 Hedgemoad Park (excluding children's play area)  
 Henrietta Park  
 Innox Park (excluding children's play area)  
 Kelsons Field, Upper Bristol Road (excluding children's play area)  
 Larkhall Recreation Ground (excluding children's play area)  
 Linear Park (area rear of Bellotts Road)  
 Magdalen Gardens Open Space  
 Newbridge Road Open Space (excluding children's play area)  
 Newton Road Open Space (excluding children's play area)  
 Royal Avenue  
 Royal Victoria Park (excluding Lower Common children's playground)  
 Sydney Gardens (excluding children's play area)  
 Twerton Roundhill (excluding children's play area)  
 Walcot Street Closed Burial Ground  
 Weston Recreation Ground (excluding children's play area)

Part II

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906:-

Beacon Hill Open Space  
 Hawthorn Grove (excluding children's play area)

Part III

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906:-

Baxton's Field, Combe Down  
 Entry Hill Open Space

## SCHEDULE 3

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875:-

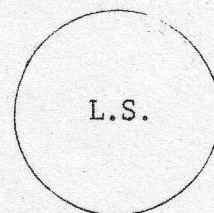
Alexandra Park (bowling green)  
 Approach Golf Course, Weston Road  
 Entry Hill Golf Course  
 Henrietta Park (Blind Garden)  
 Royal Avenue (bowling and putting greens)  
 Royal Victoria Park (Botanical Gardens and Great Dell)  
 St. James' Garden, Lower Borough Walls  
 Sydney Gardens (bowling green)



The COMMON SEAL of the BATH CITY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed this 8th day of January 1991 in the presence of:-

(Sgd.) N C ABBOTT

Chief Executive



The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 25th March 1991.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State, Home Office, London.  
18th March 1991.

(Sgd.) C.L. SCOBLE

An Assistant Under Secretary of State

