

THE COMMON SEAL of RUNNYMEDE)
BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto)
affixed and authenticated by:-)

C.S.

Chief Executive Officer

Dated this 6th day of June 1997

The foregoing byelaws are confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the first day of October 1997

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
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Byelaws made by the Runnymede Borough Council under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Runnymede Borough Council;

"the ground" means those grounds referred to in Schedule 'A' to the Byelaws

Opening times

2. On any day on which the ground 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 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.

3.(2) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle, except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles, or along such routes as may be fixed by the Council and indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions in the ground.

3.(3) 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.(4) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

3.(5) 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.

Overnight parking

4. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, leave or cause or permit to be left any vehicle in the ground between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

Horses

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

6. Where any part of the ground has, by notices placed in conspicuous positions in the ground, been set apart by the Council as an area where horse-riding is permitted, no person shall, without the consent of the Council, ride a horse in any other part of the ground.

Climbing

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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.

Camping

10. 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.

Children's play areas

- 11.(1) No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall enter or remain in the children's play area in any of the grounds listed in Schedule 'B' to these byelaws.
- 11.(2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children's play apparatus

12. No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall use any apparatus in the ground which, by a notice placed on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years.

Ball games

- 13.(1) No person who has attained the age of 14 years shall play or take part in any ball game in the ground.
- 13.(2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who, being bona fide in charge of a child under the age of 14 years, plays or takes part in any ball game with that child.

Trading

14. 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.

Grazing

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

Protection of flower beds, trees, grass, etc

16. 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 a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.

17. No person shall in the ground 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.

Removal of substances

18. 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.

Games

19. Where the Council has, by a 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 an 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 using 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.
- (d) when the area is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
- (e) where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, play on that area later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless taking part therein; or
- (f) except where the exclusive use of the area has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, use the area for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players make known to him a wish to use the area.

20. 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.

21.(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.

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

Archery

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

Field Sports

23. No person shall in the ground, except in connection with the event organised by or held with the consent of the Council, engage in the sport of javelin or discus throwing or shot-putting.

Golf

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

25. No person resorting to the golf course referred to in the proceeding byelaw for the purpose of playing or taking part in the game shall:

- (a) play or take part in that game when a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting play on the golf course or any part thereof;
- (b) commence to play, unless he is the holder of a season or periodical ticket, until he has obtained from the golf professional/agent/officer of the Council in charge of the golf course a ticket entitling him to play, which ticket shall be retained and shown on demand to any authorised officer of the Council;

- (c) having completed the round, or desisted from playing before completing a round, commence to play again until he has complied with paragraph (b) of this byelaw.

26. No person resorting to the golf course referred to in the preceding byelaw shall on the golf course offer his service for hire as an instructor without the consent of the Council.

27. No person other than a person taking part in the game of golf or a person accompanying such a person shall, except in the exercise of lawful right or privilege, walk or run across or over or traverse the golf course.

28. No person shall on the golf course play or take part in any game other than the game of golf.

Cricket

29. No person shall use any cricket ball, except in any part of the ground which, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, has been set aside as an area where a cricket ball may be used.

Skateboarding and Roller Skating

30. 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

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

Waterways

32. No person shall:

Bathing

- (a) without reasonable excuse, bathe or swim in any waterway comprised in the ground except in an area where a notice exhibited by the Council permits bathing and swimming;

Pollution of waterways

- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway comprised in the ground;

Watercourses

- (c) 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.

Boats

33. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, operate or sail on any waterway comprised in the ground any boat, except in an area where a notice exhibited by the Council permits the use of such boats.

Interference with life-saving equipment

34. No person shall, except in case of emergency, remove from or displace in the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

Aircraft

35. 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.

Power-driven model aircraft

36. In byelaw 37:

"model aircraft" means an aircraft which either weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel or is for the time being exempted (as a model aircraft) from the provisions of the Air Navigation Order;

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substance or by one or more electric motors or by compressed gas;

37. (1) No person shall in the ground release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft.
- (2) No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to take off or land in the ground.

Kites

38. No person shall in the ground fly or cause or permit to be flown any kite in such a manner as to cause a danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person in the ground.

Metal detectors

39. No person shall on the land use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

Fires

- 40.(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 a fire.
- 40.(2) This byelaw shall not apply to any event held with the consent of the Council.
41. This byelaw shall not prevent the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker or barbecue in any area set aside for the purpose, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire.

Fishing and protection of wildlife

- 42.(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.
- 42.(2) This byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

Noise

- 43.(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 no loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

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

Performances

44. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, hold or take part in any public show, performance or exhibition in the ground.

Public Shows, exhibitions and structures

45. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, place or take part in any show or exhibition, or set up any swing, roundabout or other like thing.

Gates

46. Where the Council indicates by a notice conspicuously exhibited on or alongside any gate in the ground that leaving that gate open is prohibited, no person having opened the gate or caused it to be opened, shall leave it open.

Obstruction

47. No person shall in the ground:
- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his/her duties;
 - (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

- 48.(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.
- 48.(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

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

Penalty

50. 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

51. Byelaws 2 - 12 and 14 - 25 made by Runnymede Borough Council on 23 July 1979 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on 18 September 1979 relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

Schedule

The grounds referred to in byelaws 1-50 are as follows:-

As attached: Schedules 'A' and 'B'.

SCHEDULE 'A'

Grounds in respect of which byelaws are made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875

1.	Abbey Field, Staines Lane, Chertsey
2.	St. Peter's Way Open Space, Bittams Lane, Chertsey
3.	Brackendene Open Space, Woburn Hill, Addlestone Moor
4.	Chertey Meads, Mead Lane, Chertsey
5.	Cooper's Hill Recreation Ground, Englefield Green
6.	Crockford Park Open Space, Brighton Road, Addlestone
7.	Hamm Moor Playing Field, Shakespeare Road, Addlestone
8.	Hare Hill, Rowtown, Addlestone (part)
9.	Heathervale Recreation Ground, Parkside, New Haw
10.	Herondale Open Space, Herondale, Addlestone
11.	Kingthorpe Gardens, Burleigh Road, Addlestone
12.	Malus Drive Open Space, Malus Drive, Rowtown
13.	Ottershaw Chase, Ottershaw
14.	Sandy Road Open Space, Sandy Road / Rowhurst Avenue, Addlestone
15.	Sayes Court Open Space, Liberty Lane, Addlestone
16.	St. Ann's Hill, St. Ann's Hill Road, Chertsey (part)
17.	Thorpe Field, Rosemary Lane, Thorpe
18.	Timber Hill, Ottershaw
19.	Truss's Island, off Chertsey Lane, Thorpe
20.	Victory Park Recreation Ground, Chertsey Road, Addlestone
21.	Walton Leigh Recreation Ground, Rowtown
22.	Woodham Lodge Open Space, Cophall Way, Woodham

Grounds in respect of which byelaws are made under sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906

23.	Abbey House Grounds, Colonels Lane, Chertsey
24.	Bishops Way Recreation Ground, Bishops Way, Egham
25.	Cabrera Avenue Playing Field, Virginia Water
26.	Canford Drive Open Space, Canford Drive, Chertsey
27.	Caselden Close Open Space, Addlestone
28.	Charta Road Playing Field, Tempest Road, Egham
29.	Chertsey Bridge Grounds, Bridge Road, Chertsey
30.	Chertsey Recreation Ground, Guildford Road, Chertsey
31.	Coxes Lock Open Space, Addlestone
32.	Crouch Oak Open Spaces, Crouch Oak Estate, Addlestone
33.	Edgell Close Play Area, Edgell Close, Virginia Water
34.	Egham Meads, Windsor Road, Egham
35.	Fernlands Open Space, Bittams Lane, Chertsey
36.	Gogmore Farm, Riversdell Close, Chertsey (including Riversdell Close)
37.	Hare Hill, Rowtown, Addlestone (part)
38.	Hythe Social Centre Recreation Ground and Gardens, Thorpe Road, Egham
39.	King George V Playing Fields, Trumps Green Road, Virginia Water
40.	Kings Lane Sports Field, Kings Lane, Virginia Water
41.	Ledger Drive Open Space, Addlestone
42.	Manorcrofts Playing Field, Manorcroft Road, Egham
43.	Moated Farm Open Space, New Haw
44.	Murray House Open Spaces, Ottershaw
45.	The Orchard Grounds, Staines Lane, Chertsey
46.	Ottershaw Memorial Field, Foxhills Road, Ottershaw
47.	Pooley Green Recreation Ground, Pooley Green Road, Egham Hythe
48.	Riverside Walk (Cabrera Trust), Virginia Water
49.	Roundway Open Space, Glebe Road, Egham Hythe
50.	Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, Windsor Road, Egham

51.	Sayes Wood, Orchard Way, Addlestone
52.	St. Ann's Hill, St. Ann's Hill Road, Chertsey (part)
53.	St. Paul's Play Area, Lime Grove, Addlestone
54.	Staines Lane Open Space, Chertsey
55.	Thorpe Lea Road Open Spaces, Egham Hythe
56.	Trumps Mill Lane Open Space, Virginia Water
57.	Virginia Water Memorial Gardens, Christchurch Road, Virginia Water
58.	Walnut Tree Gardens, High Street, Egham
59.	Wapshott Road Play Area, Wapshott Road, Egham Hythe
60.	Warwick Avenue Playing Field, Egham Hythe
61.	Wendover Place Play Area, Wendover Road, Egham Hythe
62.	Jersey Close Amenity Area, Little Green Lane, Chertsey

SCHEDULE 'B'
Parks and Open Spaces
with Children's Play Equipment
List of Grounds

	Sites with Children's Play Equipment
1.	* Abbeyfield Field, Staines Lane, Chertsey
2.	Bishops Way Recreation Ground, Bishops Way, Egham
3.	Cabrera Avenue Playing Field, Cabrera Avenue (Managed) Virginia Water
4.	Caselden Close Open Space, Caselden Close, Addlestone
5.	Charta Road Playing Field, Tempest Road, Egham, (part leased out)
6.	* Chertsey Recreation Ground, Guildford Road, Chertsey
7.	Edgell Close Play Area, Edgell Close, Virginia Water
8.	Fernlands Open Space, Bittams Lane, Addlestone
9.	* Gogmore Farm, Riversdell Close, Chertsey including Riversdell Close
10.	Hamm Moor Playing Field, Shakespeare Road
11.	* Heathervale Recreation Ground, Parkside, New Haw
12.	Herondale Open Space, Herondale, Addlestone
13.	King George V Playing Field and Crown Road Play Area, Trumps Green Road, Virginia Water, (part leased)
14.	Manorcrofts Playing Field, Manorcrofts Road, Egham
15.	Murray House Open Spaces, Ottershaw
16.	* Ottershaw Memorial Field, Foxhills Road
17.	Pooley Green Recreation Ground, Pooley Green Road, Eg. Hythe (part leased)
18.	Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, Windsor Road (part leased) Egham
19.	Sayes Court Open Space, Liberty Lane, Addlestone
20.	St Paul's Play Area, Limes Road, Addlestone
21.	Staines Lane Open Space, Chertsey
22.	* Victory Park Recreation Ground, Chertsey Road, Addlestone
23.	Wapshott Road Play Area, Wapshott Road, Egham Hythe
24.	Walton Leigh Recreation Ground, Rowtown
25.	Warwick Avenue Playing Field, Warwick Avenue, Egham Hythe
26.	Wendover Place Play Area, Wendover Road, Egham Hythe
27.	Woodham Lodge Open Space, Cophall Way, Woodham

* Manned Recreation Grounds