

# **LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET**

## **BYELAWS**

**relating to Pleasure Grounds**

**1978**

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**Chief Executive and Town Clerk.**

#### BYELAWS:

Made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act, 1906, by the Mayor, and Burgesses of the London Borough of Barnet acting by the Council with respect to PLEASURE GROUNDS.

1. Throughout these Byelaws:-

The expression "the Council" means the Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Barnet acting by the Council; the expression "the pleasure ground" means, except where inconsistent with the context, each of the pleasure grounds listed in the First Schedule to these byelaws; the expression "power driven model boat" means any model boat driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances.

2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the pleasure 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. The pleasure grounds set out in the Second Schedule to these byelaws shall be opened at the hour of 8 in the forenoon of every day and shall be closed at sunset of every day throughout the year.

Provided always that this byelaw shall not be deemed to require the pleasure ground to be opened and closed at the hours hereinbefore prescribed on any day when, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf, the Council close the pleasure ground to the public.

4. On any day on which the pleasure ground to which the foregoing byelaws applies is open to the public a person shall not enter it before the time or enter or remain in it after the time appointed in the foregoing byelaw.

5. A person shall not in the pleasure ground:-

- (i) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;
- (ii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;
- (iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently 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 pleasure ground or any lifebelt or other apparatus provided for the purpose of saving life.

6. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, or any beast of draught or burden, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to do so.

7. A person shall not in the pleasure ground, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege or except in such part as the Council may set aside for the purpose and indicate by notice affixed or set up in a conspicuous position at or near to such part, ride or break in any horse, ass, mule or other animal.

8.(i) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than:-

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

Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the pleasure 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 pleasure ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages conforming to the provisions of regulations made under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970.

(ii) No vehicle referred to in the foregoing byelaw shall travel at a speed exceeding 5 m.p.h.

(iii) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride a bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the pleasure ground:

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to the driving or riding of any vehicle or machine along the drives provided for such vehicles or machines and indicated by notices affixed or set up in a conspicuous position in the pleasure ground so long as such driving or riding is not dangerous to other persons using the pleasure ground.

9. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure 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 pleasure ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

10. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, notice or printed matter to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure 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 pleasure ground.

11. A person shall not in the pleasure 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 shall be placed:

Provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one-sixth of the area of the pleasure 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.

12. A person shall not in the pleasure ground:-

- (i) except in such places as may be set apart for the purpose and indicated by a notice displayed in a conspicuous position, bathe, wade, or wash, in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;
- (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;

- (iii) take, injure, or destroy, or attempt to take, injure, or destroy any fish in any such water, or wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl, provided that this foregoing prohibition shall not be deemed to apply to any person who shall previously have obtained the permission in writing of the Council to fish in such water.

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

Provided that in the pleasure grounds, or the parts thereof indicated by notices conspicuously displayed near thereto, set out in the first part of the Third Schedule, hereto, a dog shall not be deemed to be under proper control unless it is kept on a lead.

14. Notwithstanding and without prejudice to any of the provisions of the foregoing byelaw No. 13 a person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the enclosed pleasure grounds or any of the enclosed parts of the pleasure grounds indicated by notices conspicuously displayed near thereto, set out in the second part of the Third Schedule to these byelaws.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to a blind person accompanied by his guide dog.

15. Where the Council set apart any such part of the pleasure ground as may be fixed by the Council, and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure 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 pleasure 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 pleasure ground — a person shall not in any space elsewhere in the pleasure 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 a space.

16. A person resorting to the pleasure ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the pleasure 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 pleasure ground 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 twenty-four hours 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 a wish to use the space.

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17. A person shall not in any part of the pleasure 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 pleasure ground.

18. A person shall not in any pleasure ground, or part thereof indicated by notices conspicuously displayed near thereto, set out in the first part of the Fourth Schedule hereto play any ball game:

Provided that this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the playing by any child under the age of 10 years, or any person in charge of such a child playing with that child, of any game with a soft ball.

19. A person shall not in any pleasure ground, or part thereof indicated by notices conspicuously displayed near thereto, set out in the second part of the Fourth Schedule hereto, use any hard or solid ball or missile so as to cause danger or annoyance to any other person using the pleasure ground.

20. A person shall not in the pleasure 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) hang, spread, or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching;
- (iii) 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 pleasure ground such commodity or article.

21. A person shall not in the pleasure ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt 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 pleasure ground.

22. A person shall not in the pleasure ground operate or cause to be operated, to the annoyance of any person, any musical instrument, wireless set, radio transistor, gramophone, tape recorder, cassette player, amplifier or similar instrument:

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in any function in pursuance of an agreement with the Council.

23. A person shall not in the pleasure ground sail any power-driven model boat.

24. A person who has attained the age of fourteen years and is not in charge of a child or children under that age using the playground shall not play or take part in any game in the pleasure grounds set out in the Fifth Schedule hereto.

25. A person who has attained the age of fourteen years shall not use any apparatus in the pleasure grounds set out in the Sixth Schedule hereto which by a notice affixed thereto shall be set apart for the exclusive use of persons under that age.

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

27. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the pleasure 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 pleasure ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the pleasure ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

#### **Repeal of byelaws**

28. The byelaws relating to the pleasure grounds, public walks, open spaces and playgrounds specified in the Seventh Schedule hereto are hereby repealed.

#### **FIRST SCHEDULE**

##### **PART 1**

##### **Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 164, Public Health Act, 1875**

Arden Playing Fields  
Arrandene Open Space  
Avenue House Grounds  
Carnet Playing Fields  
Casing Hill Park  
Beech Hill Lake  
Belmont Avenue Pleasure Ground  
Bethune Recreation Ground  
Big Wood  
Bittacy Hill Park  
Brent Green  
Brent Park  
Brook Farm Open Space  
Brookside Walk Open Spaces  
Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Cherry Tree Wood  
Childs Hill Park  
Claremont Playground  
Clitterhouse Playing Fields  
Colindale Park  
Copthall Playing Fields  
Court Way Open Space  
Cricklewood Playground

Cromer Road Highway Gardens  
Deansbrook Playground  
Deansbrook Riverside Walk  
Dollis Brook Riverside Walk  
Edgwarebury Park  
Elm Park  
Everleigh Walk  
Fairway Children's Playground  
Friary Park  
Glebe Land  
Grange Playing Fields  
Greenhill Gardens  
Hale Lane (Ashbourne Grove)  
Halliwick Recreation Ground  
Hendon Park  
Highlands Gardens  
Ivy Lodge, Long Lane, Children's Playground  
Kay's Children's Playground  
King George V Playing Fields  
King George's Fields  
Lawrence Green  
Lewes Road Open Space  
Little Wood

Lyndhurst Park  
 Lyttelton Playing Fields  
 Malcolm Crescent Open Space  
 Maple Gardens Open Space  
 Marsh Lane/Marsh Close Junction Open Space  
 Meadway, Barnet, Open Space  
 The Mill Field  
 Mill Hill Park  
 Mission Hall Open Space  
 Moat Mount Open Space  
 Montrose Playing Fields  
 Mutton Brook Riverside Walk  
 Netherlands Road Open Space  
 New Southgate Recreation Ground  
 North Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb  
 Northway Gardens  
 Oak Hill Park  
 Oak Tree Sports Ground  
 Old Court House Recreation Ground  
 Park Road, Children's Playground  
 Percy Road Children's Playground  
 Princes Park  
 Raleigh Drive Open Space  
 Riverside Walks  
 Rushgrove Park  
 Sanders Lane Open Space  
 Scratchwood Open Space

Silk Stream Park  
 Simmonds Mead  
 Stonegrove Park  
 Stoneyfields Park  
 Sturgess Park  
 Sunny Hill Park  
 Swan Lane Open Space  
 Temple Fortune Lane Open Space  
 Tudor Sports Ground  
 Victoria Park  
 Victoria Recreation Ground  
 Village Green, Village Road  
 Waterfall Walk  
 Watford Way/Great North Way Junction Open Space  
 Watling Park  
 West Hendon Playing Fields  
 West Way Playground  
 Willifield Green, Willifield Way  
 Windsor Open Space  
 Woodcroft Park  
 Woodfield Park  
 Woodhouse Open Space  
 Wyatts Farm Open Space  
 Wyre Grove Open Space  
 York Park

## PART II

### Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 15, Open Spaces Act, 1906

Burroughs Pond and Island  
 Hadley Green

Ravenscourt Gardens

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### Byelaw 3 refers

Arden Playing Fields  
 Avenue House Grounds  
 Basing Hill Park  
 Brent Park  
 Cherry Tree Wood  
 Childs Hill Park  
 Colindale Park  
 Cricklewood Playground  
 Deansbrook Playground  
 Edwarebury Park  
 Elm Park  
 Friary Park  
 Halliwick Recreation Ground  
 Highlands Gardens  
 Lewes Road Open Space  
 Malcolm Crescent Open Space

### Times of Opening and Closing

The Mill Field  
 Montrose Playing Fields  
 New Southgate Recreation Ground  
 Northway Gardens  
 Old Court House Recreation Ground  
 Princes Park  
 Ravenscroft Gardens  
 Rushgrove Park  
 Silk Stream Park  
 Stonegrove Park  
 Stoneyfields Park  
 Swan Lane Open Space  
 Victoria Park  
 Watling Park  
 Woodcroft Park

### THIRD SCHEDULE

#### PART I

##### Byelaw 13 refers

Avenue House Grounds (part)  
Basing Hill Park (part)  
Brent Park  
Childs Hill Park (part)  
Edwarebury Park (part)  
Elm Park  
Friary Park (part)  
Greenhill Gardens  
Lyttelton Playing Fields (part)  
Northway Gardens (part)

##### Grounds or parts of grounds where dogs be required to be kept on a leash.

Old Court House Recreation Ground  
Princes Park  
Ravenscroft Gardens  
Riverside Walks (part)  
Rushgrove Park  
Simmonds Mead  
Stonegrove Park  
Swan Lane Open Space  
Victoria Park  
Woodfield Park

#### PART II

##### Byelaw 14 refers

Bethune Recreation Ground  
(Golf Course)  
Cherry Tree Wood  
(Children's Playground)  
Copthall Playing Fields  
(Barnet Copthall Stadium)  
Deansbrook Playground  
(Children's Playground)  
Fairway Children's Playground  
Friary Park (Children's Playground)  
Halliwick Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
Hendon Park (Part)  
Hendon Park (Children's Playground)  
Highlands Gardens  
Lodge, Long Lane  
(Children's Playground)

##### Grounds or parts of grounds from which dogs are prohibited.

Kay's Children's Playground  
Lyttelton Playing Fields  
(Children's Playground)  
New Southgate Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
Northway Gardens (part)  
Oak Hill Park (Golf Course)  
Oak Hill Park (Children's Playground)  
Old Court House Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
Percy Road, Children's Playground  
Sunny Hill Park (Children's Playground)  
Victoria Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)

### FOURTH SCHEDULE

#### PART I

##### Byelaw 18 refers

Avenue House Grounds (part)  
Brookside Walk Open Spaces  
Burroughs Pond and Island  
Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Court Way Open Space  
Deansbrook Playground

##### Children over 10 years not to play ball games.

Deansbrook Riverside Walk  
Lawrence Green  
Northway Gardens (part)  
Princes Park  
Simmonds Mead  
Sturgess Park



## PART II

### Byelaw 19 refers

Brent Green  
Cherry Tree Wood (Children's Playground)  
Claremont Playground  
Cricklewood Playground  
Dollis Brook Riverside Walk  
Elm Park  
Fairway Children's Playground  
Friary Park (part)  
Friary Park (Children's Playground)  
Hale Lane (Ashbourne Grove)  
Halliwick Recreation Ground  
Hendon Park (Children's Playground)  
Highlands Gardens  
Ivy Lodge, Long Lane (Children's Playground)  
Kay's Children's Playground  
Lyttelton Playing Fields  
(Children's Playground)

### No ball games to danger or annoyance of other persons.

Mutton Brook Riverside Walk  
New Southgate Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
North Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Oak Hill Park (Children's Playground)  
Old Court House Recreation Ground  
Percy Road, Children's Playground  
Rushgrove Park  
Sunny Hill Park (Children's Playground)  
Temple Fortune Lane Open Space  
Victoria Park (part)  
Victoria Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
Watford Way/Great North Way Junction  
Open Space  
West Way Playground  
Willifield Green, Willifield Way

## FIFTH SCHEDULE

### Byelaw 24 refers

Friary Park (Children's Playground)  
Ivy Lodge, Long Lane,  
(Children's Playground)  
Kay's Children's Playground

### Games for children under 14 years only

Old Court House Recreation Ground  
(Children's Playground)  
Park Road, Children's Playground  
Percy Road, Children's Playground

## SIXTH SCHEDULE

### Byelaw 25 refers

Avenue House Grounds  
Barnet Playing Fields  
Basing Hill Park  
Bittacy Hill Park  
Brent Park  
Brook Farm Open Space  
Cherry Tree Wood  
Childs Hill Park  
Friary Park  
Halliwick Recreation Ground  
Hendon Park  
Ivy Lodge, Long Lane,  
(Children's Playground)  
Kay's Children's Playground  
Lyttelton Playing Fields, (Children's  
Playground)

### Children over 14 not to use apparatus for children under 14

Mission Hall Open Space  
New Southgate Recreation Ground  
Northway Gardens  
Park Road, Children's Playground  
Percy Road, Children's Playground  
Riverside Walks  
Stonegrove Park  
Stoneyfields Park  
Swan Lane Open Space  
Victoria Park  
Victoria Recreation Ground  
West Hendon Playing Fields  
Windsor Open Space

# SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Repeal of Byelaws

Byelaw 28 Refers

By whom made	Date when made	By whom allowed or confirmed	Date when allowed or confirmed
Friern Barnet Urban District Council	4. 3.1910	Local Government Board	18. 3.1910
Barnet Urban District Council	15. 4.1924	Minister of Health	17. 6.1924
Friern Barnet Urban District Council	4.12.1925	Minister of Health	12. 1.1926
Finchley Urban District Council	11.12.1926	Minister of Health	13. 1.1927
East Barnet Urban District Council	15. 7.1935	Minister of Health	31.10.1935
Finchley Borough Council	29. 1.1936	Minister of Health	16. 3.1936
Finchley Borough Council	3. 2.1937	Minister of Health	18. 2.1937
Finchley Borough Council	5.10.1938	Minister of Health	30.12.1938
Finchley Borough Council	18. 1.1939	Minister of Health	2. 3.1939
Finchley Borough Council	21. 8.1939	Minister of Health	12.10.1939
Finchley Borough Council	31. 1.1940	Minister of Health	16. 4.1940
Hendon Borough Council	31.10.1952	Secretary of State	16. 1.1953
Byelaws 3-24 inclusive and Second and Fourth Schedules only			
Hendon Borough Council	5.11.1954	Secretary of State	18. 2.1955
Hendon Borough Council	23. 5.1955	Secretary of State	19. 7.1955
Byelaws 3-16 inclusive and byelaw 18 only			
East Barnet Urban District Council	20. 6.1955	Secretary of State	31. 8.1955
(Public Walks)			
East Barnet Urban District Council	20. 6.1955	Secretary of State	31. 8.1955
(Pleasure Grounds)			
East Barnet Urban District Council	9. 3.1957	Secretary of State	6. 5.1957
Hendon Borough Council	13.10.1958	Secretary of State	28.10.1958
Byelaws 3-14 inclusive and Second Schedule.			
Hendon Borough Council	11. 4.1960	Secretary of State	5. 5.1961
Finchley Borough Council	7. 8.1962	Secretary of State	19.10.1962

The Common Seal of the Mayor, and  
Burgesses of the London Borough  
of Barnet was hereunto affixed this  
10th day of November, 1978  
in the presence of

L.S.

**N.J. Sapsted**  
Mayor

**E.M. BENNETT**  
Chief Executive and Town Clerk

The foregoing byelaws are hereby  
confirmed by the Secretary of State  
and shall come into operation on  
the 1st day of March, 1979

**R.F.D. SHUFFREY**  
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State  
Home Office  
London S.W.1.

14th February 1979