

Hales Green at Hales Byelaws

BYELAWS MADE BY THE FORMER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LODDON IN PURSUANCE OF A SCHEME MADE BY THEM AND APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES UNDER SECTION 1 (1) OF THE COMMONS ACT, 1899, WITH RESPECT TO HALES GREEN IN THE PARISHES OF HALES AND LODDON IN THE DISTRICT OF LODDON IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "The Council" means the Rural District Council of Loddon and the expression "The Common" means the piece of land with the ponds, streams, paths and roads thereon commonly known as Hales Green, situate in the parishes of Hales and Loddon in the County of Norfolk and referred to as "The Common" in the scheme under the Commons Act, 1899, made by the Rural District Council of Loddon on the 15 July 1965 and approved by Order of the Minister of Land and Natural Resources on the 9th day of August, 1965 and the expression "The Scheme" means the aforesaid scheme.

2. An Act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the Common by an Officer of the Council or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council shall not be deemed to be an offence against these byelaws.
3. A person shall not deface any seat, shelter, pavilion, drinking fountain, fence, rubbish receptacle or any works erected or maintained by the Council on the Common.

4. A person shall not without lawful authority, shoot or chase game or other animals on the Common.
5. A person shall not without lawful authority, draw, drive or place upon the Common or any part thereof, any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, motor cycle or other vehicle (unless intended for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid) or any aircraft (except in the case of an accident or other sufficient cause). Provided that where the Council set apart a portion of the Common for the use of vehicles, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving or wheeling in or to that portion of a vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

6. A person shall not (except in the case of a fair lawfully held) place on the Common any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout or other like thing.
7. A person shall not, on the Common, light any fire to the danger of property on or of any person using the Common.
8. A person shall not without lawful authority, fire or discharge any firearm or, to the damage or danger of any person, throw or discharge any missiles on the Common.
9. A person shall not without lawful authority, turn out to graze or permit to graze on the Common any cattle, sheep or other animal.

10. A person shall not hinder or obstruct any officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme or under any of the foregoing byelaws
11. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.00 (Twenty pounds).*

12. An Officer of the Council, after due warning, may remove from the Common any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or placed, or any structure erected or placed thereon in contravention of the Scheme or of the foregoing byelaws, and may remove from the Common any person who within his view, infringes any such byelaw or any provision of the Vagrancy Acts.

Adopted at a meeting of the said Rural District Council of Loddon on 21 October 1971, confirmed by the Secretary of State, Home Office on 20 January 1972 and operative from 1 March 1972.

(NOTE: THE POWERS OF THE FORMER LODDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ARE NOW VESTED IN THE SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL, AS SUCCESSOR AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES IN THESE BYELAWS TO "THE COUNCIL" ARE TO BE REGARDED AS REFERENCES TO SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL.

* By virtue of the Criminal Law Act, 1977, Section 31 and Criminal Justice Act, 1982, Section 37 and 46, the maximum fine is now a sum not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.

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