

# **BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **BYELAWS-MATFIELD GREEN**

Byelaws made under Section 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the Parish Council of Brenchley in the County of Kent in respect to the village Green at Matfield

1. Throughout these byelaws the expressions "the Council" means the Parish Council of Brenchley in the County of Kent and the expression "the ground" means the area situate in the Parish of Brenchley known as Matfield Green.
2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
3. A person shall not in the ground 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 an erection or ornament or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground.
4. (i) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought on to the ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than-
  - (a) A wheeled bicycle or similar machine
  - (b) A wheel chair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

Provided that where the Council set apart a space on 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.

- (ii) A person shall not in the ground except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, ride any horse, pony or donkey.
5. A person shall not without lawful authority on the ground kill, molest or wilfully disturb any animal, bird or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.  
Provided that this byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the council.
6. Every person who shall offend against this byelaw shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.
7. Every person who shall infringe any byelaws for the regulation of the ground may be removed there from 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 such 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 on the ground infringing the byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty-sixth day of September 1983

S Waggitt

R Barsley

Members of Brenchley Parish Council

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1984

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

M.E. Head

An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

Home Office  
London SW1  
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