

General Regulations relating to the Use of Council Land

These rules apply to the following areas;

- Rothery Field
- Kings Field
- Memorial Field (and also the Bye Laws relating to Henfield Common)
- Sandpit area north of Henfield Common.

In addition, also to the following areas that belong to Horsham District Council;

- Batts Pond, Batts Pond Lane
- Deer Park Play Area and Pond
- Open Space between Deer Park and North Mead
- Parsonage Road Open Space

Please note there are separate bye laws relating to Henfield Common, Broadmare Common, Oreham Common and Tanyard Field and Pond. More information on bye laws can be found on the Horsham District Council website www.horsham.gov.uk

Protection of the ground, its wildlife and the public

Please think of others and our wildlife by being kind to our parks and open spaces. Use the litter and dog waste bins provided or take your litter home if that isn't possible.

Protection of structures and plants

1. No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground: (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
2. No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over: (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant; (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground.

Grazing

No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Gates

1. No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
2. Byelaw 9(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed, a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

Camping

No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

Fires

1. No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.
2. Byelaw 11 (1) shall not apply to: (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit; or (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed camping stove, in a designated area for camping, or of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues.

Missiles

No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

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

Horses, cycles and vehicles

Horses

1. No person shall ride a horse except: (a) on a designated route for riding; or (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
2. No person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person

Cycling

No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in any part of the ground where cycling is prohibited.

Motor vehicles

No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

Overnight parking

No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10pm. and 6am.

Games and sports

Skateboarding etc

No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding or riding on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles, no person shall engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball games

No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:

- (a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
- (b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
- (c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

Cricket

No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

Archery

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

Field sports

No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Golf

No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

Waterways

Bathing

No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway except in a designated area for bathing and swimming.

Ice skating

No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

Model boats

No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway without the consent of the Council.

Boats

No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council except in a designated area for the sailing or operation of boats.

Fishing

No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals without the consent of the Council except in a designated area for fishing.

Pollution

No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

Blocking of watercourses

No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

Model aircraft

No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to: (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

Other regulated activities

Provision of services

No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

1. No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by: (a) shouting or singing; (b) playing on a musical instrument; or (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.

Public shows and performances

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

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

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.

Kites

1. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other party.
2. No person shall without the permission of the Council ride a para-kart.

Metal detectors

No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

Miscellaneous

Obstruction

No person shall obstruct:

- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
- (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
- (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.