

**CRAWLEY URBAN  
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Made under Section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875, by the Urban District Council of Crawley with respect to Goffs Park and Tilgate Park.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Urban District Council of Crawley in the County of Sussex, the expression "the Park" means each of Goffs Park, Crawley, and Tilgate Park, Crawley, and the expression "power driven model aircraft" means any model aircraft driven by the combustion of petrol-vapour or other combustible substances.

2. An act necessary in the proper execution of his duty in the Park 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. A person shall not, in the Park

- (i) carelessly or negligently deface, injure or destroy any wall or fence in or enclosing the Park, or any building, implement, barrier, railing, post or seat, or any erection or ornament;
- (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the Park, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;
- (iii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the Park, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;
- (iv) 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 Park.

4. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into the Park 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.

~~5. (i) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the Park any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than -~~

- ~~(a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;~~
- ~~(b) a wheelchair, 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 Park 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 Park of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart. Provided further that this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving of vehicles or the riding of bicycles along roadways in the Park specified in the Schedule hereto.

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~~(ii) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machines on any path or roadway or in any part of the Park except along roadways specified in the Schedule hereto.~~

6. A person who brings a vehicle into the Park shall not wheel or station it over or upon

- (i) any flower bed, shrub, plant or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant;
- (ii) any part of the Park where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the Park prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

7. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the Park, 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 Park.

8. A person shall not in the Park 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-fifth of the area of the Park;

- (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.

9. A person shall not, in the Park

- (i) remove, cut, or displace any soil, turf, or plant;
- (ii) pluck any bud, blossom, flower or leaf of any tree, shrub or plant.

10. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the Park, 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 the Lakes or any ornamental water.

11. A person shall not in the Park

- (i) light a fire.
- (ii) bathe, wade, or wash in any lake, pond, stream, or other water; Provided that this byelaw shall not be deemed to apply to any person bathing, paddling or wading in any water which, by a notice conspicuously exhibited near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for that purpose;
- (iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;
- (iv) wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl.

- (v) except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege fish in any lake or otherwise take injure or destroy, or attempt to take injure or destroy any fish in any such water.
- (vi) except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege take or cause to be taken on to any lake any boat or craft of any kind.

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

13. A person resorting to the Park and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the Park 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 Park 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 a quarter of an hour 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 to 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.

14. A person shall not in any part of the Park 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 Park.

15. A person shall not in the Park wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Park, 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 Park.

16. A person shall not in the Park

- (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 whereupon 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) beat, shake, sweep, brush, or cleanse any carpet, drugget, rug or mat, or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt;
- (iii) hang, spread, or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching;
- (iv) 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 Park such commodity or article.

17. Where any part of the Park has by notice conspicuously exhibited in the Park, been set apart by the Council for the riding of horses a person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride, lead or exercise a horse in any other part of the Park.

18. A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege have in his possession while he is in the Park any firearm unless it is so covered with a securely fastened gun cover that it cannot be used.

In this byelaw the expression "firearm" means any lethal barrelled weapon of any description, from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged.

This byelaw shall apply to all parts of the playing field except any part thereof which is a public right of way.

19. A person shall not fly any power driven model aircraft in the Park.

20. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.

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

SCHEDULE

- Byelaw 5                   roadways upon which the driving of vehicles and the riding of bicycles is permitted.
- Goffs Park               (i)           The roadway leading from Horsham Road to Goffs Park House;
- Tilgate Park           (ii)           The roadway leading from Titmus Drive to A. 23 (Brighton/London Road)
- (iii)           The roadway known as "The Avenue".

The Common Seal of the Crawley Urban District Council was hereunto affixed this second day of August 1968 pursuant to a resolution of the Council passed on the twenty-third day of July 1968.



*B. Anderson*  
Chairman of the Council

*Angie Ridgell*  
Chief Executive and  
Clerk of the Council

The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaws and fixed the date on which they are to come into operation as the first day of December, 1968.

*N. Cairns*  
An Assistant Under Secretary  
of State

Whitehall  
31st October, 1968