

NORTHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

BYELAWS

with respect to Hawkesbury and Inglestone Commons
in the Parish of Hawkesbury, in the County of Avon

THE COMMONS ACT, 1899

Under and by virtue of the Local Government Act, 1972 the following Byelaws made by the former Rural District Council of Chipping Sodbury remain in force, the expression "the Council" contained therein meaning Northavon District Council in substitution for the Rural District Council of Sodbury, the successor to the said Rural District Council of Chipping Sodbury and the penalty specified in Byelaw No. 16 having been substituted for the sum of £2 by a Byelaw made by the Northavon District Council on the 19th day of July 1982 and which was confirmed by the Secretary of State and came into operation on the 29th day of September 1982.

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Rural District Council of Chipping Sodbury, and the expression "the Commons" means the pieces of land with the ponds, streams, paths and roads thereon commonly known as the "Hawkesbury Common" "Assley and Hareley Common" and "Inglestone Common" all situate in the parish of Hawkesbury in the County of Gloucester (now in the County of Avon) and referred to as "the Commons" in the Scheme approved under the Commons Act, 1899, on the 15th day of September, 1925, by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.
2. A person shall not deposit on the Commons or in any pond or stream thereon any roadsand, materials for repair of roads, dung, rubbish, litter, wood or other matter.
3. A person shall not without lawful authority dig, cut or take turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay or other substance on or from the Commons, or cut, fell, or injure any gorse, heather, timber or other tree, shrub, brushwood or other plant growing on the Commons.
4. A person shall not carelessly or negligently injure or deface or wilfully, carelessly or negligently remove any seat, shelter, pavilion, fence, notice board or other thing put up or maintained by the Council on the Commons.
5. A person shall not without lawful authority post or paint any bill, placard, advertisement or notice on any tree, fence, erection or notice board on the Commons.
6. A person shall not without lawful authority catch birds, or set traps or nets, or lay snares for birds or other animals, or take birds' eggs or nests, or shoot or chase game or other animals on the Commons.
7. A person shall not without lawful authority draw, drive, or place upon the Commons any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, motor-cycle, aeroplane or flying machine except in the case of accident or other sufficient cause, or other vehicle, and it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Council to remove from the Commons any vehicle drawn upon the Commons in contravention of this byelaw.
8. A person shall not without the permission of the Council or other lawful authority erect or permit to remain on the Commons any building, shed, tent, fence, post railing or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not and it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Council after due warning to remove from the Commons any structure erected thereon in contravention of this byelaw.
9. A person shall not (except in the case of a fair lawfully held) place on the Commons any photographic cart, or any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout or other like thing, and any Officer of the Council after due warning may remove from the Commons anything placed thereon in contravention of this byelaw.
10. A person shall not fire or discharge firearms or throw or discharge missiles on the Commons.
11. A person shall not without lawful authority exercise or break in any horse on the Commons.
12. A person shall not without lawful authority turn out or permit to remain on the Commons any cattle, sheep or other animals.
13. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly or negligently soil or defile any part of any wall or fence, or any part of any building, barrier or railing, or of any fixed or movable seat, or any other structure or erection on the Commons.
14. A person shall not, in any part of the Commons, wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Commons.
15. A person shall not hinder or obstruct any Officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under the Scheme hereinbefore referred to or under any of the foregoing byelaws.
16. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of **TWO HUNDRED POUNDS** Provided nevertheless that the Court of Summary Jurisdiction before whom any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may if the Court think fit adjudge the payment of any sum less than the full amount of penalty imposed by this byelaw.
17. It shall be lawful for any Officer of the Council after due warning to exclude from the Commons any person who within his view commits or whom he reasonably suspects of committing an offence against any of the foregoing byelaws or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

F. MAUDE,
Clerk & Chief Executive Officer.

Council Offices,
Thornbury,
Bristol.

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