

# CHISLEHURST & ST. PAUL'S CRAY COMMONS

**Whereas** by "The Metropolitan (Commons Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray) Supplemental Act, 1888," power is given to the Conservators thereby appointed to frame Bye-Laws and Regulations for the prevention of nuisances and preservation of order on Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray Commons, Now we, the Conservators, do hereby make and constitute the following Bye-Laws, which are to commence and take effect immediately after the same shall have been allowed by the Local Government Board, and so to continue until the same shall be altered or repealed according to the provisions of the said Act, And we do, by such Bye-Laws impose the penalties and further penalties in the same Bye-Laws respectively mentioned

## BYE-LAWS

1-In the construction of these Bye-Laws

The "Commons" means the pieces of land with the ponds thereon commonly called Chislehurst and Scadbury Commons including Place Green and Shepherd's Green and St. Paul's Cray Common, as the same are particularly described in the Metropolitan Commons (Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray) Supplemental Act, 1888

The "Conservators" means the Conservators for the time being appointed by or under the Metropolitan Commons (Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray) Supplemental Act, 1888

The "Act" means the Metropolitan Commons (Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray) Supplemental Act, 1888

The term " Unauthorised Persons " means and includes any person other than a person for the time being acting under direction from the Conservators in connection with the management of the Commons, or a person acting by virtue and in due pursuance, or under the authority of some provision of the Act, or of some estate, interest or right of a profitable or beneficial nature in, over or affecting the Commons, or some part thereof, and legally entitled so to act

2-No idle or disorderly person, gipsy, squatter, vagrant, gambler, card sharper seller and exhibitor of infamous books, photographs, pictures or prints shall frequent or resort to or remain upon the Commons, and it shall be the duty of any constable, or any officer of the Conservators to remove or exclude from the Commons any such person, and all persons guilty of brawling, fighting, or quarrelling, or using indecent' and improper language, or if necessary, to apprehend them so that they may be dealt with according to law

3-No person shall wilfully, carelessly or negligently soil or defile any part of the Commons, or any part of any building, barrier, railing, fixed or movable seat, or any other structure or erection on the Commons

4-No unauthorised person shall encamp upon the Commons. or erect or place any hut (whether stationary or movable) platform, booth, tent, clothes poles, hurdles roundabout, swing, shooting gallery, sticks for throwing at toys, cocoa nuts or Aunt Sallies, or other erections, or cause any obstruction thereon

5-No unauthorised person shall set. traps, or lay nets for birds, or catch any birds by means of bird-lime or otherwise, or take the eggs or nests of birds. or illegally shoot or chase game or other animals upon any part of the Commons, or brought upon the Commons for the purpose of being shot or chased

6-No unauthorised person shall turn out on the Commons any cattle or other animal (whether of a Commonable nature or not), or knowingly permit any cattle or other animal to graze or feed, or remain on the Commons, but this Bye-Law shall not be deemed to apply to a dog under the control of its owner or of any other person

7-No unauthorised person shall illegally take, cut, dig or sell any turf, sods. gravel, sand or other substance from any part of the Commons

8-No unauthorised person shall illegally cut, fell or in anywise injure any gorse, heather, timber, or other trees, shrubs, brushwood, or other plants growing upon the Commons or any part thereof, or break up or disturb the surface of the Commons or of any part thereof, or light any fire upon the Commons, or wilfully or negligently place, throw or let fall, any lighted or explosive substance or article, or anything *which* may cause or be likely to cause damage by fire to any gorse, heather, timber, or other trees, shrubs, brushwood, or other plants upon the Commons

9-No unauthorised person shall injure, deface, or remove any seat, notice board, fence or barrier, or any other things which may be from time to time put up or maintained by the Conservators on the Commons

10-No person shall injure or disfigure any fences or trees on the Commons by the posting of any bill, placard or notice, or otherwise

11-No unauthorised person shall bleach or dry clothes or linen, or beat carpets upon the Commons, except only at such places and within such limits and at such times as shall be from time to time prescribed by the Conservators and defined or described by a notice or notices affixed or set up at or near to such places

12--No unauthorised person shall place, deposit, leave, or retain on the Commons or any part thereof, or in any ponds thereof, any rubbish, dead animals, manure, cinders, road sweepings, dung, timber, bricks, building materials, bottles or glass, waste paper or other substance

13-No unauthorised person shall remove ice from any of the ponds on the Commons

14-No unauthorised person shall wash any cart or vehicle, or bathe in any pond or water on the Commons

15-No unauthorised person shall draw, drive, ride, stand or place any e wagon van, cart, carriage, truck, bicycle, or vehicle other than a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand, or a chaise drawn or propelled by hand, and used solely for the conveyance

of a child or children or an invalid upon the turf, of the Commons, or on or across the footpaths traversing the same

16-No unauthorised person shall let out for hire any donkeys or other animals for riding on the Commons, except only at such places and within such limits as shall be from time to time prescribed by the Conservators, and may be defined or described by a notice or notices affixed or set up at or near to such places

17-No groom or other person shall ride or exercise any horse on or across the Commons, except in such places, and within such limits as may be from time to time prescribed by the Conservators and may be indicated by a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near to such places

18-The Conservators being empowered from time to time to set apart or appropriate any part or parts of the Commons for the protection of the turf, trees, or shrubs thereon, or for cricket or other games, no unauthorised person shall drive, ride or pass over with any vehicle or upon horseback, the parts so set apart or appropriated of the said Commons, and no person shall play at cricket or any other game upon the parts so set apart or appropriated, except at such times as the Conservators may from time to time prescribe, and may indicate by a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near to such parts ; and no person shall obstruct or interfere with or annoy any persons who are playing, or have made preparations for playing at cricket or any other lawful game upon, or who are otherwise lawfully using or occupying the parts so set apart or appropriated

19-No person shall play at quoits, or any other game destructive of or injurious to the surface, soil, or natural products of the Commons, except in such places as the Conservators may from time to time prescribe, and may indicate by notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near such places

20-No unauthorised person shall fire any firearms, or air or other gun, or any pistol ; or throw any stone, stick, or other missile, or commit any other act to the damage or danger of any person using or frequenting the Commons

21-No unauthorised person shall collect, incite, or be present at any assemblage of persons at any place upon the Commons, where it may cause obstruction to the lawful use or enjoyment of the Commons by the public for purposes of exercise or recreation

22-No unauthorised person shall by the removal of water or other act do anything which may tend to the injury or disfigurement of the ponds on the Commons

23-No person shall collect, incite, or be present at any disorderly gathering or assemblage of persons on the Commons, or do, aid or abet, in any act or thing which may be, grow or tend to the injury or disfigurement of the Commons, or may interfere with the use thereof by the public for the purpose of exercise or recreation

24-No person shall perform upon any musical instrument, or dance on the Commons in such a manner as to cause a nuisance or annoyance to the public or to hinder or annoy them in the use of the Commons for the purposes of exercise and recreation

25-Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Bye-Laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of Five Pounds ; and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of Forty Shillings for each day after the written notice of the offence from the Conservators provided, nevertheless, that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty, of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Bye-Law

26-From and after the date of the confirmation of these Bye-Laws, the Bye-Laws with respect to the Commons which were made by the Conservators on the third day of September, 1888, and were confirmed by the Local Government Board on the thirty-first day of December, 1888, shall be repealed

*The Seal of the Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray Commons Conservators affixed  
this Twenty Second day of July, 1901*

*A. TRAVERS HAWES, Chairman F. R. GREENFIELD, Clerk  
Confirmed by the Local Government Board  
this Sixteenth day of November, 1901*

*S. B. PROVIS, Secretary*

*Acting on behalf of the said Board under the Authority of their General Order dated the  
Twenty-sixth day of May 1877*