

West Tilbury Commons, West Tilbury, Essex.

Bye-Laws

Made by the Conservators of West Tilbury Commons, under the powers of the Commons Regulation (West Tilbury) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1893, and of the Award made in pursuance thereof, and of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882.

1. The Acts and things specified in the following clauses numbered 1 to 16 respectively of this Bye-law are hereby prohibited and throughout these Clauses and Bye-laws the word “Conservators” shall mean the Conservators appointed pursuant to the above mentioned Act and Award, and the word “Act” shall mean the Commons Regulation (West Tilbury) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1893, and the word “Award” shall mean the Award made in pursuance of such Act and of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, and the words “The Commons” shall mean West Tilbury Commons as defined upon the Map annexed to the said Award.

1. Removing or wilfully injuring, or defacing by the posting thereon of any Bill, Placard or Notice, or by any other means any Fence, Seat, Barrier, Gate, Notice Board, or any other matter or thing on the Commons.
2. Falling, Cutting, Burning, Breaking, or otherwise doing wilfull damage to the Timber or other Trees, Shrubs, Brushwood, Gorse, Furze, Fern, Flowers, or Turf, on the Commons.
3. Committing any encroachment on, or making any enclosure on any part of the Commons.
4. Erecting or placing on the Commons (unless with the consent of the Conservators in writing) any Posts, Rails, Fences, Poles, Tents, Booths, Stands, Circuses, Dwelling Houses on wheels or any buildings or erections of any kind whatsoever.
5. Committing any nuisance on the Commons, or against the Trees, Shrubs, Walls, Railings, or Fences thereof.
6. Depositing or leaving on the Commons or in any Wells, Ditches, or Pond there, any Soil, Sand, Stones, Rubbish, Manure, Dead Animals, or other refuse matter.
7. Taking, Digging, Cutting, Damaging, or Removing Grass, Gravel, Sand, Bog-Earth, Clay, Turf, or other substances of or from the Commons, without right or without the consent of the Conservators in writing.
8. Burning or doing any act which might cause any Timber, Wood, Brushwood, Gorse, Furze, Fern, Earth, Paper, Rubbish, or other substances, to be burned on the Commons, or sorting Rags, or matter of like nature, or mending Chairs, or other Articles, or causing a Litter on the Commons.
9. Plying for hire or letting out Horses, Ponies, Mules, Asses, Goats, or other Animals on the Commons, without a License from the Conservators, or at times other than those named in such license.
10. Turning out to Graze, or Feed, or allowing or suffering to remain on the Commons without right, or contrary to the provisions of the said Act and Award, any Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Ass, Mule, Goose, Duck, Fowl, or other Animal.
11. Unlawfully constructing or laying any Sewer, Drainpipe, or Waterway, or other matter of like nature, on, into, or under any part or parts of the Commons, and making or forming any new Roads or Paths over or across the Commons without the consent of the Conservators in writing.
12. Taking Birds' Eggs or Nests, Fishing, Eel Spearing, or Shooting, Taking, Chasing, wilfully injuring or setting any Trap or Snare for any Animal or Bird.
13. Using Firearms, discharging Fireworks, or throwing Stones or Sticks or other Missiles, so as to endanger the Public, or Gambling, or Betting on the Commons.
14. Begging, Brawling, Fighting, Quarrelling, Swearing, or using Obscene or Indecent Language, or being otherwise disorderly on the Commons, or wilfully doing any act which outrages Public decency.
15. Drawing, Driving, Standing or Placing any Waggon, Cart, Carriage, Van or Truck, on, or across the Ground, or Turf, or on, or over the footpaths, or in the Shrubberies of the Commons.
16. Interfering with, obstructing, or annoying any persons Exercising as Volunteers, or who are Playing or have made preparations for playing at Cricket, Football, Golf, or other games on the Places sanctioned by the Conservators or with Persons properly using the Commons.

2. Any person committing any of the offences mentioned in these Bye-Laws shall be subject to a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings.

3. Nothing in these Bye-Laws shall be constructed as prohibiting on the Commons:

- (a) Infantry Military Drill
- (b) Encampment of troops for a single night, for a halt on a march to or from the Metropolis.
- (c) A Review (with the previous assent of the Conservators) of Her Majesty's Troops and auxiliary Forces, such assent to be subject to the following conditions.

When an adequate area for such drill, encampments, and reviews, respectively has been fixed by the Conservators, that area only shall be used for such purposes.

All damage done by Her Majesty's Troops and auxiliary Forces to the surface of the Commons, which shall be capable of immediate reparation, shall be made good by the troops and the forces encamped before they leave the Commons, and any damage which can be compensated only by pecuniary payment shall be so compensated by the Secretary of State for War.

Any difference that may arise between the Secretary of State for War and the Conservators concerning the adequacy of the area fixed by the Conservators for the respective purposes aforesaid, or concerning compensation for the damage to the Commons, shall be determined by the first Commissioner of Works.

I certify these Bye-Laws to be a true copy of the Bye-Laws passed by the Conservators at a Meeting held on the 10th May, 1895.

I hereby confirm the foregoing Bye-Laws

Frederick Hart
Clerk to the Conservators

M.W.Ridley
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State