made under Section 164 of the
Public Health Act 1875,
under Section 15 and Sections 12 and 15 of the
Open Spaces Act 1906
by
DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
with respect to Pleasure Grounds
1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Dartford Borough Council and the expression "the pleasure ground" means each of the grounds named in the First Schedule hereinafter.

2. It is not necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the pleasure ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not he deemed an offence against these byelaws.

3. The pleasure grounds known as Hesketh Park, Central Park, Manor House Park, and St. Edmunds Churchyard shall be open at the hour of 8 a.m. and shall be closed at the hour of 5 p.m. every day during the months of November, December, and January, and shall be opened at the hour of 8 a.m. and shall close 30 minutes after sunset or 9.30 p.m., whichever be the earlier, of every day during the months of February to October.

The children's playgrounds known as Atlas Drive Playground, Cavell Crescent Playground, Joyce Green Lane Playground, Penney Close Playground, Queens Gardens Playground, Mayfair Road Playground, Willow Road Playground, shall be open at the hour of 9 a.m. and shall be closed at the hour of 8 p.m. or 30 minutes before sunset, whichever be the earlier, every day of the year.

Provided always that this bylaw shall not be deemed to require the pleasure ground or playground to be opened and closed at the hours hereinbefore prescribed on any day when, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf, the Council close the pleasure ground or playground to the public.
4. A person shall not, without the consent of the Council, remain in the pleasure grounds or playgrounds after the closing hours hereinbefore mentioned.

5. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

(i) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;

(ii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;

(iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any "..." provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.

6. A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs or any beast of draught or burden.

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

(a) A wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine
or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

Provided that the Council set apart a space in the pleasure ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this bylaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that by a direct route from the entrance to the pleasure ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

(ii) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or in the use of any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the pleasure ground.

8. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon

(i) any flower bed, shrub, or plant or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of tree, shrub, or plant;

(ii) any part of the pleasure ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

9. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

(i) bathe, wade, or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water except in any area set aside for such purpose;
(ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;

(iii) without lawful excuse or authority kill, molest or wilfully disturb any animal bird or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.

Provided that this bylaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council.

10. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, 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 pleasure ground.

11. A person shall not in the pleasure ground 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 is exhibited;

Provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one-fourth of the area of the pleasure ground;

(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.

12. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the pleasure ground, 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 any
ornamental water.

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

14. A person resorting to the pleasure ground and
playing or taking part in any game for which
the exclusive use of any space in the pleasure
ground has been set apart shall

(i) not play on the space any game other
   then 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
    pleasure ground by other persons;

(iii) when the space is already occupied by
     other players not begin to play thereon
     without their permission;

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(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 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.

15. A person shall not in any part of the pleasure ground 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 pleasure ground.

16. No person who has attained the age of thirteen shall use any apparatus on the pleasure ground which, by a notice affixed or set up on or near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under that age.

17. A person shall not to the annoyance of any person play any instrument of music in the pleasure ground.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in any band performance or entertainment given in the pleasure ground, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council.

18. A person shall not play any game or take part in any form of sport in the open space known as St. Edmund's Churchyard.
19. A person shall not in the pleasure ground skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances to the danger or annoyance of any other person using the pleasure ground.

20. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

(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 where upon 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) 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 pleasure ground such commodity or article.

21. A person shall not in the pleasure ground willfully obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or willfully obstruct or disturb, 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 pleasure
ground.

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

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

Repeal of Byelaws

24. The following byelaws relating to pleasure grounds
and open spaces are hereby repealed:
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Part I

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Wilmot Road Recreation Ground Dartford

Part II

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 15
Open Spaces Act 1906

Manor House Park Swancombe
Mayfair Road Dartford
St Edmunds Churchyard Dartford
Windermere Close Dartford

Part III

Grounds for which byelaws are made under Section 12
and Section 15 Open Spaces Act 1906

Almond Road Playground Stone
Attlee Drive Playground Dartford
Cavell Crescent Playground Dartford
Jessamine Place Playground Stone
Joyce Green Lane Playground Dartford
Lane End Playground Hill Rise Dartford
Page Close Playground Dartford
Penney Close Playground Dartford
Queens Gardens Playground Dartford
Tree Estate Playground Dartford
Willow Road Playground Dartford
The Common Seal of the Dartford Borough Council was hereunto duly affixed this 31st day of January, 1980.

Chief Executive

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the first day of MAY 1980.

signed by authority of the Secretary of State (R P D SHUFFREY)
An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

Home Office
LONDON SW1

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