

THE UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS

Notice is hereby given that the Uckfield Town Council intend after the expiry of the period mentioned below, to apply to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council for the protection of the Hempstead Field Local Nature Reserve located off the High Street, and West Park Local Nature Reserve at West Park, Uckfield.

Copies of these byelaws will be kept at the Council offices, Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 1AE and will be open to public inspection without payment on any week day during the usual office hours, for one month from the date of the publication of this notice. Copies of the byelaws or any part thereof will be supplied at a fee of £1.00.

Any representation to the confirmation of the byelaws should be made by letter addressed to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, National Designated Sites Team, Protected Areas Group, Zone 1/06, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB within one calendar month from the publication date* of this advertisement. Where representations are received, copies may be forwarded to the byelaw making authority for their comments before any decision is taken on whether the byelaws should be confirmed.

If you do not want your representation - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. Your reasons will be taken into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, it is not possible to promise that those details will always be kept confidential.

*Consultation ends 27th March 2017.

Holly Goring
Town Clerk

**UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
BYELAWS FOR HEMPSTEAD MEADOWS LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, UCKFIELD**

The Uckfield Town Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 20¹, 21(4)² and 106³ of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in accordance with section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Hempstead Meadows in the Parish of Uckfield in the County of East Sussex

1. In these byelaws
 - (a) "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 4.90 hectares or thereabouts and situated in the Parish of Uckfield in the County of East Sussex declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 7th day of July 2014 made by the Uckfield Town Council in pursuance of section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and therein shaded red.
 - (b) "The Council" shall mean Uckfield Town Council.
 - (c) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.
2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 3, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

- (1) Entering at any time those parts of the reserve where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

- (2) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- (3) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (4) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for shelter or protection of any living creature.
- (5) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.

¹ Amended by Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006, Telecommunications Act 1984, Water Act 1988, and Communications Act 2003.

² Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006

³ Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006 and the Environmental protection Act 1990

- (6) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- (7) Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (8) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any animal other than a dog⁴, unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (9) Permitting a dog to disturb or worry any animal or bird.
- (10) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

AREAS OF WATER

- (11) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- (12) Obstructing any flow of any drain or watercourse.

USE OF VEHICLES

- (13) Driving, riding (including bicycles), propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (including hovercraft) elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose. Disability vehicles are permitted.
- (14) Landing any aircraft except in case of emergency.
- (15) Launching or landing a hang glider except in an emergency.
- (16) Operating any hang glider at such height that persons on the ground or in buildings may be inconvenienced or annoyed.

USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT

- (17) Using any camera or any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of any sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle. Personal use of cameras is permitted.
- (18) Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

⁴ A dog control order made under the Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1059) is in effect for Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve.

USE OF FIREARMS ETC.

- (19) Being in possession of a firearm, including crossbows (with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm) otherwise than on a public paved road, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- (20) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- (21) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- (22) Flying any kite, model aircraft or drone.
- (23) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (24) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- (25) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- (26) Selling or offering or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.
- (27)
 - (a) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.
 - (b) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- (28) Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing, any building, seat, notice board, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence barrier, riling, post or hide.
- (29) Roller skating, skiing, tobogganing, or skate boarding.
- (30) Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire, elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- (31) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.
- (32) Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

3. INTERFERENCE WITH DULY AUTHORISED OFFICER

- (34) Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of a person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

4. PERMITS

- (1) The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.
- (2) Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and
 - (b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

5. BYELAWS

These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise –

- (1) by a person of –
 - (a) a right vested in him/her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the reserve,
 - (b) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled,
 - (c) any public right of way.
- (2) Of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaker or drainage authority.
- (3) By a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

6. PENALTY

Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 on the Standard Scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

The common Seal of Uckfield)
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**UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
BYELAWS FOR WEST PARK LOCAL NATURE RESERVE, UCKFIELD**

The Uckfield Town Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 20¹, 21(4)² and 106³ of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 in accordance with section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at West Park in the Parish of Uckfield in the County of East Sussex

1. In these byelaws
 - (a) "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 10.8 hectares or thereabouts and situated in the Parish of Uckfield in the County of East Sussex declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 7th day of July 2014 made by the Uckfield Town Council in pursuance of section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and therein shaded red.
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2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 3, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

- (1) Entering at any time those parts of the reserve where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

- (2) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- (3) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (4) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for shelter or protection of any living creature.
- (5) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.

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- (6) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.
- (7) Climbing, ascending or descending any rock outcrop or placing a ladder or steps against any rock outcrop or fixings ropes or other climbing aids to any rock outcrop or otherwise defacing any rock outcrop.

BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- (8) Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (9) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any animal other than a dog⁴, unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (10) Riding or leading any horse into and within the Reserve.
- (11) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

AREAS OF WATER

- (12) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- (13) Obstructing any flow of any drain or watercourse.

USE OF VEHICLES

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