

The Seal of the Urban District Council of Chorleywood was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a Resolution duly passed at a Meeting of the Council duly convened and held on the 11th day of October, 1954, in the presence of



HENRY J. S. RYMAN, *Chairman*,  
BERNARD BLASER, *Clerk*.

Approved by Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries this Twenty-ninth day of November, 1954.



L. D. G. RICHINGS,

*Authorised by the Minister.*

1954

# CHORLEYWOOD COMMON

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## SCHEME

For Regulation

Sealed by the

### URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHORLEYWOOD

on the 11th day of October, 1954, and

Approved by Order of the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries, on the 29th day

November, 1954.

# CHORLEYWOOD COMMON

*Scheme for Regulation under Commons Act, 1899,  
made by The Urban District Council of Chorleywood.*

Description of  
Common and  
Management  
by District  
Council.

1. THE piece of land with the ponds, paths, and roads thereon, commonly known as Chorleywood Common, situate in the parish of Chorleywood in the County of Hertford and hereinafter referred to as "the Common", as the same is delineated in a plan sealed by, and deposited at the office of the Urban District Council of Chorleywood hereinafter called "the Council" and thereon coloured green, being a "Common" within the meaning of the Commons Act, 1899, shall henceforth be regulated by this Scheme which supersedes the Regulation Scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 11th day of April 1922, and the management thereof shall be vested in the Council.

Appointment  
of Officers.

2. THE powers of the Council generally, as to appointing or employing officers and servants and paying them under the general Acts applicable to the Council, shall apply to all such persons as in the judgment of the Council may be necessary and proper for the preservation of order on and the enforcement of bye-laws with respect to the common and otherwise for the purposes of this Scheme, and the Council may make rules for regulating the duties and conduct of the several officers and servants so appointed and employed and may alter such rules as occasion may require.

Protection and  
Improvement  
of common.

3. THE Council may execute any necessary works of drainage, raising, levelling or other works for the protection and improvement of the common and may, for the prevention of accidents, fence any quarry, pit, pond or other like place on the common, and shall preserve the turf, shrubs, trees, plants and grass

(m) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from turning out or permitting to graze on the common any cattle, sheep or other animals.

(n) For prohibiting or regulating bathing in any pond on the common.

(o) For prohibiting the hindrance or obstruction of an officer of the Council in the exercise of his powers or duties under this Scheme or under any bye-law made thereunder.

(p) For authorising any officer of the Council, after due warnings, to remove from the common any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or placed, or any structure erected or placed thereon in contravention of this Scheme or of any bye-law made under this Scheme, or to remove from the common any person who within his view infringes any such bye-law or any provision of the Vagrancy Acts.

Publication of  
bye-laws on  
common.

10. ALL bye-laws made under this Scheme shall be published on notice boards placed on such parts of the common (not less than five) as to the Council may appear desirable.

Saving of  
rights, etc., in  
the soil and  
highways.

11. NOTHING in this Scheme or any bye-law made thereunder shall prejudice or affect any right of the Council as owners of the soil of the common, which is lawfully exercisable in, over, under, or on the soil or surface of the common in connection with game, or with mines, minerals, or other substrata or otherwise, or prejudice or affect any rights of common or other rights existing in or over the common, or the lawful use of any highway or thoroughfare on the common, or affect any power or obligation to repair any such highway or thoroughfare.

Copies of  
Scheme.

12. PRINTED copies of this Scheme shall at all times be sold at the office of the Council to all persons desiring to buy the same at a price of sixpence each.

falling and taking trees or underwood on or from the common in exercise of any right of common or other right over the common.

(d) For prohibiting the injury, defacement, or removal of any works or property maintained by the Council on the common.

(e) For prohibiting or regulating the posting or painting of bills, placards, advertisements, or notices on trees or fences, erections or notice-boards on the common.

(f) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from bird catching, setting traps or nets or laying snares for birds or other animals, taking birds' eggs or nests, and shooting or chasing game or other animals on the common.

(g) For prohibiting the drawing upon the common or any part thereof without lawful authority of any aircraft (except in the case of accident or other sufficient cause).

(h) For regulating, in the case of a fair lawfully held, and in any other case for prohibiting or regulating the placing on the common of any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout or other like thing.

(i) For prohibiting or regulating the firing or discharge of firearms or the throwing or discharge of missiles or the flying of model aircraft on the common.

(j) For regulating the holding of Cadet Force exercises whilst not under Military control and games to be played and other means of recreation to be exercised on the common, and assemblages of persons thereon.

(k) For regulating the use of any portion of the common temporarily enclosed or set apart under this Scheme for any purpose.

(l) For prohibiting or regulating the riding, driving, exercising or breaking in of horses without lawful authority on any part of the common.

thereon, and for this purpose may, for short periods, enclose by fences such portions as may require rest to revive the same, and may plant trees and shrubs for shelter or ornament, and may place seats upon and light the common, and otherwise improve the common as a place for exercise and recreation. Save as hereinafter provided, the Council shall do nothing that may otherwise vary or alter the natural features or aspects of the common or interfere with free access to any part thereof, and shall not erect upon the common any shelter, pavilion, drinking fountain, convenience or other building without the consent of the person or persons entitled to the soil of the common and of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (in this Scheme referred to as "the Minister"). The Minister, in giving or withholding his consent, shall have regard to the same considerations and shall, if necessary, hold the same enquiries as are directed by the Commons Act, 1876, to be taken into consideration and held by the Minister before forming an opinion whether an application under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, shall be acceded to or not.

Against  
encroachment.

4. THE Council shall maintain the common free from all encroachments, and shall not permit any trespass on or partial or other enclosure of any part thereof.

Public Right  
of Access and  
Recreation.

5. THE Council shall continue to allow the games of cricket and football to be played by the Chorleywood Cricket and Football Clubs (or in case either of those Clubs shall be dissolved then by some Cricket or Football Club composed of the inhabitants of Chorleywood aforesaid, to be approved by the Council, whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) upon that part of the Common adjacent to the Road leading from Rickmansworth to Amersham, which has hitherto been used for such purposes. The Council shall continue to allow the game of Golf to be played as heretofore on the Common by the Chorleywood Golf Club (or in case that Club shall be dissolved by some Golf Club to be approved by the Council whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld)

over the existing Golf Course or such altered Golf Course as shall be agreed upon between the Council and such Golf Club after consultation with the Commoners. The playing of such games shall be subject to bye-laws to be made by the Council after consultation with the said Clubs, and in accordance with the provisions of clause 9 hereof. Subject thereto, the inhabitants of the District and neighbourhood shall have a right of free access to every part of the Common and a privilege of playing games and of enjoying other species of recreation thereon, subject to any bye-laws made by the Council under this scheme.

Maintenance and construction of paths and roads.

6. THE Council shall have power to repair and maintain the existing paths and roads on the common, other than highways repairable by the inhabitants at large, and to set out, construct, and maintain or authorise the construction and maintenance of such new paths and roads on the common as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient, and to take any proceedings necessary for the stopping or diversion of any highway over the common.

Games, etc.

7. THE Council may set apart for games any portion or portions of the common as they may consider expedient, and may form grounds thereon for cricket, football, tennis, bowls and other similar games, and may allow such grounds to be temporarily enclosed with any open fence, so as to prevent cattle and horses from straying thereon; but such grounds shall not be so numerous or extensive as to affect prejudicially the enjoyment of the common as an open space or the lawful exercise of any right of common, and shall not be so near to any dwelling house or road as to create a nuisance or be an annoyance to the inhabitants of the house or to persons using the road.

Parking of Motor Vehicles,

8. THE Council may after consultation with the Commoners and with the consent of the person or persons entitled to the

Bye-laws.

soil of the common and of the Minister, temporarily set apart and fence such portion or portions of the common as they may consider expedient for the parking of motor and other vehicles, and may make such charges for the use of such part as they may deem necessary and reasonable: provided that any area so set apart shall not be so near to any dwelling house as to create a nuisance or be an annoyance to the inhabitants of the house. The Minister, in giving or withholding his consent, shall have regard to the same considerations and shall, if necessary, hold the same enquiries as are directed by the Commons Act, 1876, to be taken into consideration and held by the Minister before forming an opinion whether an application under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, shall be acceded to or not.

9. THE Council may, for the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order on the common, and subject to the provisions of section 10 of the Commons Act, 1899, make, revoke, and alter bye-laws; such bye-laws may, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, be for any of the following purposes, viz:—

(a) For prohibiting the placing or depositing and leaving on the common without lawful authority of road sand or other materials for repair of roads. For prohibiting the placing or depositing and leaving on the common any wood, glass, china, earthenware, tin, carton, paper or other refuse or litter, so as to affect or tend to affect injuriously the public amenities of the common.

(b) For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from digging, cutting or taking turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay or other substance on or from the common and from cutting, felling or injuring any gorse, heather, timber, or other tree, shrub, brush-wood or other plant growing on the common.

(c) For regulating the place and mode of digging and taking turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or other substance and cutting,