

**Cambridge City byelaws as to Commons  
dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1851 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 1880**

It is ordered that from and after the time when these Byelaws shall come into force and operation, every person who, within this Borough, shall commit any of the offences hereinafter mentioned, shall for every such offence be liable to pay the fines hereinafter respectively expressed (that is to say)-

1. Every person who shall put or depasture upon any Common Pasture, within this Borough, any animal having any infectious or contagious disorder or disease whatsoever  
FIVE POUNDS.

2. Every person not lawfully authorised or permitted so to do, who shall dig or plough up any such Common Pasture, or any part thereof  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

3. Every person lawfully authorised or permitted to dig up any such Common Pasture in order to take stone, gravel, or sand therefrom, who shall not, with all convenient speed thereafter, effectually and properly fill up and make level every pit or hole thereon made for the purpose of procuring therefrom such stone, gravel, or sand  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

4. Every person not lawfully authorised or permitted so to do, who shall erect any tent, booth, or building, or place any caravan or carriage upon any such Common Pasture  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

5. Every person lawfully authorised or permitted to erect any tent, booth, or building upon any such Common Pasture for a limited period, who shall not at or before the expiration of such period take down and remove from such Common Pasture such tent, booth, or building, and every part thereof, and, with all convenient speed thereafter, effectually and properly fill up and make level every pit or hole made on such Common Pasture for the erection thereon of such tent, booth, or building  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

6. Every person lawfully authorised or permitted to place any caravan or carriage upon any such Common Pasture for a limited period, who shall not, at or before the expiration of such period, remove from such Common Pasture such caravan or carriage  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

7. Every person who shall wilfully injure or destroy any tree, fence, bank, bridge, or gate, or obstruct or fill up or divert the water from any ditch upon any such Common Pasture  
FORTY SHILLINGS.

8. Every person not lawfully authorised or permitted so to do, who shall take from or off any such Common Pasture, any part of the turf or soil thereof, or any dung or manure thereon being  
TWENTY SHILLING.

9. Every person not lawfully authorised or permitted so to do who shall go upon, over, or across any such Common Pasture, with any cart or other carriage, or shall place or continue thereon any stone, bricks, lime, mortar, timber, building materials, road materials, spare soil, or rubbish whatsoever  
TWENTY SHILLINGS.

10. Every person who shall put or depasture any animal upon any such Common Pasture at any time during which such Common Pasture ought not, according to the custom of the Borough to be so used

TEN SHILLINGS.

11. Every person who shall put or depasture upon any such Common Pasture any animal which, according to the custom of this Borough, ought not to be put or depastured thereon

TEN SHILLINGS.

12. Every person not lawfully entitled so to do, who shall put or depasture any animal upon any such Common Pasture

TEN SHILLINGS.

13. Every person removing or wilfully injuring or defacing the turf, or any tree, shrub, or flowers thereon, fence, seat, tree-guard, bridge, gate, notice-board, or any other property of the Corporation

FORTY SHILLINGS.

14. Every person who beats or shakes any carpet, rug, or mat on any of the Commons, except on Sheep's Green and that portion of Coe Fen lying near Stone bridge, and that portion of Midsummer Common lying beyond Butt Green, and in a line with Jesus Grove

FORTY SHILLINGS.

15. Every person who without permission shall place on any Common any offensive matters or things

FORTY SHILLINGS.

16. Every person burning on any Common any wood, brushwood, or other article

FORTY SHILLINGS.

17. That there shall be opened and kept at the office of the Town Clerk a book or register in which shall be entered and kept an account of all animals proposed to be turned on any Common Pasture within the said Borough.

18. Every person turning or placing on any of the Commons within this Borough any animal without having previously registered the same under Byelaw 17, and paid yearly and every year, to the Treasurer of the said Borough, a registration fee of 4s. for each animal so turned or placed on the said Commons, the said fee to become due and be paid on the First day of December in each year, or within seven days thereafter

FORTY SHILLINGS.

19. Every person turning or placing on any Common Pasture within the said Borough more than 16 animals at one and the same time, for each animal above that number

FORTY SHILLINGS.

20. Every person placing any animal on Parker's Piece within the said Borough (such Common being for purposes of recreation only)

FORTY SHILLINGS.

21. Any person gambling, betting, or playing with cards, dice, or any other article on any Common

FORTY SHILLINGS.

22. Any person interfering with, obstructing, or annoying any persons who by permission are playing or have made preparations for playing at cricket or other lawful games on any of the Commons

FORTY SHILLINGS.

23. Any person wilfully interfering with, obstructing, or annoying any of the Common Constables, or other Officers, or persons employed by the Corporation in the discharge of their duty

FORTY SHILLINGS.

24. Any person firing guns, pistols, using catapults or similar offensive weapons, throwing stones, sticks or other missiles, or doing anything which may endanger the public, or be deemed a nuisance, obstruction, or annoyance to the public on any Common

FORTY SHILLINGS.