

# **POLICY FOR THE GASKELL RECREATION GROUND**

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of this Policy are:

- 1) To provide a well maintained amenity for all users of the Gaskell Recreation Ground by endeavouring to keep it clean, tidy and safe.
- 2) To ensure that good risk management is in place by managing the level of risk so that users of the Ground are not exposed to unacceptable risk of serious injury, or death.
- 3) To work with the local community, and where necessary, consult on the future management of the Ground.
- 4) To offer children a stimulating, challenging and safe environment where they can explore and develop their abilities through recreation and sport.

This Policy outlines the rules by which the Ground is managed and to which **all users should abide**.

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## PART 1

### GENERAL

#### General Interpretation

In this Policy:

- the "Ground" means the Gaskell Recreation Ground.
- the "Charity" means the Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock (registered charity).
- "designated area," means any area within the Ground, which is set-aside for a specified purpose. The designated area, and its purpose, will be identified by a notice placed in a conspicuous location.
- "managed gate" means any access point that has a self closing device fitted; or is normally held under lock and key; or manually latched.
- "invalid carriage," means a vehicle (mechanically propelled or not) where its unladen weight does not exceed 150 kilograms, its width does not exceed 0.85 metres, and is constructed or adapted for use to carry a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by that person.
- "designated route" means a route in or through the Ground which is set aside for a specified purpose. Its route and that purpose will be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position.
- "motor cycle or scooter" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, (which is not an invalid carriage) with fewer than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms.
- "motor vehicle" means any mechanically-propelled vehicle, other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage.
- "trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.
- "ball games" means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching.
- "self-propelled vehicle" means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle, or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.
- "model aircraft," means an aircraft, which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel.
- "power-driven" means driven by:
  - i. Combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances.
  - ii. Jet propulsion.
  - iii. A rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length.
  - iv. One or more electric motors.
  - v. Compressed gas.
- "radio control" means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

#### Application

This Policy applies to all of the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

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## PART 2

### PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

#### Protection of structures and plants

- 1) No person, without good reason, shall wilfully:
  - a) remove from or displace within the Ground any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the Ground; or
  - b) remove from or displace within the Ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
  
- 2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
  - a) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - b) any part of the Ground set aside by the Charity for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

#### Unauthorised erection of structures

- 3) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

#### Climbing

- 4) No person shall climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the Ground, or any tree, barrier, railing, post or other structure, unless specifically provided for that activity.

#### Grazing

- 5) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze within the Ground.

#### Protection of wildlife

- 6) No person shall wilfully, take, disturb, injure or kill any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting, or the setting of traps, or the laying of snares, without consent of the charity.

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### Gates

- 7) No person shall leave open any managed gate. The managed gate should be left closed and locked other than during the passage of vehicles.

### Camping

- 8) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

### Fires

- 9) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, light a fire or use a camp stove, unless part of an permitted organized event.

### Missiles

- 10) No person shall throw, discharge or use in a reckless manner, any device to propel or discharge within the Ground, any object which is liable to cause distress or injury to any other person.

## **PART 3**

### **HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES**

#### Horses

- 11) No person shall ride a horse, except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege, or with the consent of the Charity.
- 12) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger, injury or damage to persons, property or surface.

#### Cycling

- 13) No person shall ride a cycle within the Ground in such a way as to cause injury or damage to persons, property or surface.

#### Motor vehicles

- 14) No person shall, without good reason, bring into or drive within the Ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer, except within any part of the Ground where that class of vehicle has been given permission.

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15) No motorised vehicle on the Ground shall exceed 5 mph.

### Overnight parking

16) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, leave, cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle within the Ground between the hours of 22.00 and 08.00.

## **PART 4**

### PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

#### Children's play area

17) In the interests of Health and Safety within the children's play area there shall be:

- a) No dogs.
- b) No alcohol.
- c) No litter.

#### Children's play apparatus

18) No person aged over 14 years shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under that age by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

#### Self-propelled vehicles

19) No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles within designated sporting areas and children's play areas.

#### Ball games

20) No person shall play ball games in the children's play area in such a manner as to:

- a) cause danger or
- b) give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

#### Archery

21) No person shall engage in the sport of archery, except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Charity.

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### Field sports

- 22) No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot, except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Charity.

### Golf

- 23) No person shall play or practice playing golf or use any golf club or equipment within the Ground except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Charity.

## **PART 5**

### **MODEL AIRCRAFT**

In this Part:

#### General prohibition

- 24) Unless part of a controlled and permitted event, no person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicle to:
- a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft within the Ground; or
  - b) land within the Ground without good reason.

## **PART 6**

### **OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES**

#### Provision of services

- 25) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

#### Excessive noise

- 26) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person within the Ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons within the Ground or near to neighbours by:
- a) shouting or singing
  - b) playing on a musical instrument

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- c) operating, or permitting to be operated, any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.

Policy 26 above does not apply to any person holding, or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Charity.

### Public shows and performances

- 27) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, hold or take part in any public show or performance.
- 28) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, have on the Ground any aircraft, hang glider or hot air balloon.
- 29) No person shall, except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Charity, take off from or land on the Ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

### Kites

- 30) No person shall fly any kite in such a manner to (a) cause danger and (b) give grounds for annoyance to other users.

### Metal detectors

- 31) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

### Remote Controlled Operated Model Vehicles

- 32) No person shall use a remote controlled operated model vehicle without prior written consent from the Charity.

### Dogs

- 33) Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- 34) It is an offence for dogs to foul any area of the Ground. If your dog fouls any area of the Ground you must clear it up.

### Litter

- 35) All litter must be placed in the litter bins provided.

### Blocking of watercourses

- 36) No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse within the Ground to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

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### Trading

- 37) No person shall, without the consent of the Charity, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article, or provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

### Obstruction

- 38) No person shall obstruct:
- a) any officer of the Charity or other person acting on behalf of the Charity in the proper execution of their duties.
  - b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Charity.

### Exceptions

- 39) It shall not be an offence under this Policy for an officer of the Charity or any person authorised by the Charity to act in accordance with a contract with the Charity to do anything necessary to the proper execution of their duty.
- 40) Nothing in, or done under this Policy shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the Ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the Ground or any part of the Ground.

## **RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (Part 4)**

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by Part 4 of this Policy to comply with the following rules:

- i. Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Charity for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- ii. No person shall play in the designated area when the Charity has prohibited play in that area by placing a notice to that effect in a conspicuous position.

*This policy was reviewed by the Gaskell Recreation Ground Much Wenlock at a meeting held on 17 December 2015 (minute no: 10).*