

CITY OF



ST. ALBAN.

Scheme with reference to Bernard's Heath.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON AND MANAGEMENT BY
THE TOWN COUNCIL.

1. The piece of land with the ponds paths and roads thereon commonly known as Bernard's Heath, situate in the Parish and City of St. Alban in the County of Hertford and hereinafter referred to as "the Common," as the same is delineated in a plan deposited at the Office of the Town Council of the City of St. Alban 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 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 byelaws 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 works of drainage raising levelling or fencing or other works for the protection and improvement of the Common and shall preserve the turf shrubs trees plants and grass 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 or recreation but the Council shall do nothing that may otherwise vary or alter the natural features or aspect of the Common or interfere with free access to every part thereof, but may erect upon the Common a caretaker's cottage and any shelter pavilion band stand or other building for purposes of shelter or recreation.

AGAINST ENCROACHMENTS.

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 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 byelaws 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 and to set out make and maintain 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.

FENCING OF QUARRIES, &c.

7. The Council may for the prevention of accidents fence any quarry pit pond or other like place on the common.

GAMES, &c.

8. The Council may set apart for games any portion or portions of the common as they may consider expedient and may form cricket grounds and may allow the same to be temporarily enclosed with any open fence so as to prevent cattle and horses straying thereon but such grounds shall not be laid out so near to any dwelling-house as to create a nuisance or be an annoyance to the inhabitants thereof.

BYELAWS.

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 byelaws for any of the following purposes viz :—

- a. For prohibiting the deposit on the common, or in any pond thereon, of road-sand,

- materials for repair of roads, dung, rubbish, wood, or other matter, or for prohibiting the drainage of any objectionable matter on to the common or in any pond thereon ;
- 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, brushwood, 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, felling, 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 seats, fences, notice boards, or other things put up or 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 or notice-boards on the common ;
- f. For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from bird-catching, setting traps or nets or liming trees or laying snares for birds or other animals, or taking birds' eggs or nests, and shooting or chasing game or other animals on the common ;

- g.* For prohibiting or regulating the drawing without lawful authority upon the common of any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, or other vehicle, and the erecting or permitting to remain on the common, without the consent of the Council or other lawful authority, any building, shed, tent, fence, post, railing, or other structure, whether used in connection with the playing of games or not, and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the common any vehicle drawn upon the common and any structure erected thereon in contravention of any such byelaw ;
- h.* For prohibiting or regulating the placing on the common of any photographic cart, or of any show, exhibition, swing, round-about, or other like thing, and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the common anything placed upon the common in contravention of any such byelaw ;
- i.* For prohibiting or regulating the lighting of any fire on the common ;
- j.* For prohibiting or regulating the firing or discharge of firearms or the throwing or discharge of missiles on the common ;
- k.* For regulating games to be played and other means of recreation to be exercised on the common, and assemblages of persons thereon ;
- l.* For regulating the use of any portion of the common temporarily enclosed or set apart under this scheme for any purpose ;

- m. For prohibiting or regulating horses being exercised or broken in without lawful authority by grooms or others on the common ;
- n. For prohibiting any person without lawful authority from turning out or permitting to remain on the common any geese, cattle, sheep, or other birds or animals ; and for authorising an officer of the Council to remove from the common any geese, cattle, sheep, or other bird or animal being upon the common in contravention of any such byelaw ;
- o. Generally, for prohibiting or regulating any act or thing tending to injury or disfigurement of the common or to interference with the use thereof by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation ;
- p. For authorising an officer of the Council, after due warning, to remove or exclude from the Common any person who within his view commits, or whom he reasonably suspects of committing, an offence against any byelaw made under this Scheme or against the Vagrancy Act, 1824 ;
- q. 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 byelaws made thereunder.

PUBLICATION OF BYELAWS ON COMMON.

10. All byelaws made under this Scheme shall be published on notice boards placed on such parts of the

Common (not less than four) as to the Council may appear desirable.

COPIES OF SCHEME.

11. Printed copies of this Scheme shall at all times be sold at the Offices of the Council to all persons desiring to buy the same at a price not exceeding sixpence each.

The Corporate Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of St. Alban was hereunto affixed, at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, holden in the Council Chamber on the 2nd day of February, 1915, in the presence of



(Signed) B. C. EDWARDS,
Mayor.

(Signed) E. P. DEBENHAM,
Town Clerk.

Approved by Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, the ninth day of April, 1915.



(Signed) SYDNEY OLIVIER,
Secretary.