

BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON

**BYELAWS**

Made under  
Section 19 of the  
Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964

By the

**Council of the Borough of Darlington**

1. In these byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires :-
  - (a) “the Act” means the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964;
  - (b) “the Museum Authority” means the Council of the Borough of Darlington;
  - (c) “museum” and “art gallery” shall mean any museum or art gallery maintained by the Museum Authority under the Act;
  - (d) “Authorised Officer” means any person employed or authorised by the Museum Authority for the purposes of its functions under the Act;
  - (e) “exhibit” means any object, picture, document, photograph, drawing, painting, print or other article of a like nature forming part of the collection kept at the museum or art gallery for purposes of exhibition to the public and includes any article hereinbefore mentioned for the time being shown or exhibited thereat.
2. Any act necessary for the proper execution of his duty by an Authorised Officer shall not be deemed to be a contravention of these byelaws.
3. A person shall not give a false name or address for the purpose of entering any part of the museum or art gallery or for the purpose of using any facilities provided in connection therewith.
4. A person who is offensively unclean in person or in dress shall not enter or use the museum or art gallery.
5. Except with the consent of the Authorised Officer, a person shall not -
  - (a) Cause or allow any dog (other than a guide-dog accompanying a blind person) or other animal belonging to him or under his control to enter or remain in the museum or art gallery; or
  - (b) Bring into any part of the museum or art gallery a wheeled vehicle or conveyance (other than a hand-propelled invalid chair or pushchair or a collapsible variety).

6. A person shall not after a warning by an Authorised Officer remain in the museum or art gallery.
7. A person shall not unless duly authorised, take from the museum or art gallery -
  - (a) any exhibit; or
  - (b) or catalogue, or other publication or any tape-player or other equipment the use of which has been allowed to him by the Museum Authority.
8. A person shall not handle or touch any exhibit unless authorised so to do by an Authorised Officer or by the Museum Authority by notice in writing.
9. A person shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear, cut deface, damage, injure, or destroy any exhibit or the furniture, fittings or other contents of the museum or art gallery.
10. (1) A person having the charge or possession of any exhibit which the Museum Authority is entitled to have returned to it shall deliver it up to that Authority within fourteen days of the service upon him by that Authority of a notice requiring him to do so.  
  
(2) For the purposes of this byelaw a notice may be served upon any person by delivering it to him or by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence, or by serving it by registered post or recorded delivery service addressed to him at that place.
11. A person shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the museum or art gallery or use violent, abusive or obscene language therein.
12. A person shall not spit in the museum or art gallery.
13. A person shall not, after a warning by an Authorised officer, persist in sleeping in the museum or art gallery.
14. A person shall not wilfully obstruct any Authorised Officer in the execution of his duty or wilfully disturb, obstruct, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the museum or art gallery.
15. Except with the consent of an Authorised Officer, a person shall not display, distribute, affix or post any bill placard or notice in, to or upon any part of the museum or art gallery.
16. A person shall not, without the consent of an Authorised Officer, offer anything for sale in the museum or art gallery.
17. A person shall not lie on the furniture or fittings of the museum or art gallery or on the floors thereof (except, with the consent of an Authorised Officer, on the floor of any part of the museum or art gallery for the time being set apart for the use of children.)
18. A person shall not smoke or strike a light in any part of the museum or art gallery set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof in which the Museum Authority for the time being allows smoking.

19. A person shall not partake of refreshments in any part of the museum or art gallery set apart for the use of the public, except in any part thereof in which the Museum Authority for the time being allows refreshments.
20. Except with the consent of an Authorised Officer, a person shall not cause or allow any apparatus for the reception of sound or television broadcasting or for the reproduction of sound to be operated in any part of the museum or art gallery set apart for the use of the public.
21. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of £50.
22. Every person, who within the view of an Authorised Officer, contravenes any of the foregoing byelaws may be excluded or removed from the museum or art gallery by such officer if -
  - (a) His name and address are unknown to and cannot readily be ascertained by the officer; or
  - (b) From the nature of the contravention or from any other fact of which the officer may have knowledge or be credibly informed there is reasonable ground for belief that his continuance in the museum or art gallery may result in another contravention of the byelaws or that his exclusion or remove from the museum or art gallery is otherwise necessary for the proper use and regulation thereof.

Dated this fourteenth day of April 1983

THE COMMON SEAL of the            )  
 Council of the Borough of            )  
 Darlington was hereunto            )  
 Affixed in the presence of:        )

(Signed) W.S. Newton  
 Mayor

(Signed) R.J. Humphries  
 Borough Secretary & Solicitor

I hereby confirm the foregoing  
 Byelaws and fix the date on  
 Which they are to come into  
 Operation as 23rd March 1984.