

COMMONS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF REGULATION UNDER THE COMMONS ACT 1876

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1879 (42 & 43 Vict.) c.lxxxii	Matterdale, (Greystoke)	Cumbria	Public	To walk: south of Barberry Rigg Road	In force	Inclosure and Regulation <i>Board of Conservators established by order; existed in 1985</i> Owned by Lord of Manor
c.lxxxiii	East Stainmore (Brough)	Cumbria	None	None, other than recreational allotments	In force	Inclosure and Regulation <i>Board of Conservators established by order; existed in 1985</i>
1880 (43 & 44 Vict.) c.lxiv	Abbotside (Hawes)	North Yorkshire	Public	Games and recreation: Stags Fell Plain	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order</i> Abbotside Board of Conservators, Mr E R D Johnson, Market Place, The Holme, Hawes DL8 3QS.
c.lxxxii	Clent Hill	Worcestershire	Public	Walking, games and recreation over whole	Amended by Staffordshire Review Order:— S.R. & O.1934/191(L), art.82(1). Amended so as to transfer functions of Conservators to Worcestershire	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; functions of Conservators transferred to Worcestershire County Council by virtue of 1959 Order</i> Owned by National Trust The common is managed as a designated Country Park. The role of the Conservators is filled by Country Park Management Committee, consist-

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					CC: S.I.1959/329(L), art.8 ¹ .	ing mostly of LA representatives.
c.xc	Lizard (Landewed-nack)	Cornwall	Public	Access to part of common to be regulated	In force	Inclosure and Regulation. This Act was never put into force, no award was made, and therefore no board of Conservators has been appointed, nor has any part of the common been inclosed, under the Act.
1881 (44 & 45 Vict.) c.xix	Langbar Moor (Nesfield-with-Langbar, Ilkley)	West Yorkshire	Public	Games and recreation on Low Moor	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; no Board of Conservators known to exist</i>
c.xx	Beamsley Moor (Beamsleys Both, Skipton)	North Yorkshire	Public	Games and recreation on portion, together with recreational allotments	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; a Board of Gate-holders, believed to have ceased meeting through lack of interest over 40 years ago.</i>
c.clxi	Shenfield	Essex	Neighbourhood	Recreation: whole	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order.</i> Shenfield Common Conservators, C/o Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AY.
1882 (45 & 46	Stivichall (St Michael, Cov-	Warwickshire	Public	Games and recreation:	Revoked:— West Midlands County Council	<i>Management vested in Coventry Corporation</i> Maintained by Coventry County Council under

¹ Order made by Minister of Health under authority of sections 270 and 285 of the Local Government Act 1933.

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Vict.) c.xxvii	entry)			whole	Act 1980 (c.xi), s.121, sch.5 pt.II. ²	the Public Health Act 1875.
c.xxvii	Crosby Garrett	Cumbria	Public	Walk: whole	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order;</i> Contact: J Noal, c/o Paul and Co Accountants, 21 Market Street, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4QS.
1884 (47 & 48 Vict.) c.l	Redhill and Earlswood (Reigate and Horley)	Surrey	Neighbourhood	Games and recreation: whole	Revoked (in pt):— Reigate Corporation Act. 1945 (c.x), s.6(1), sch.1; Surrey Act 1985 (c.iii), s.36, sch.2	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; functions of Conservators transferred to Reigate Corporation by virtue of 1945 Act</i> Managed by Reigate Borough Council as local authority open space.
1885 (48 & 49 Vict.) c.lvi	Ashdown Forest (East Grinstead, Hartfield, Withyham, Buxted, Maresfield & Fletching)	East Sussex	Public	Access to certain places only (subsequently extended to the forest generally by 1974 Act, s.21)	Amended and extended (so as to amend the constitution of the conservators): Ashdown Forest Act 1937 (c.lii), ss.4(7),11,22 Amended (so as to exclude land for military use and substitute other land): Ashdown Forest Act 1949 (c.xlvii), ss.3,5(2),7. Amended (so as to amend the constitution of the conservators):	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Ashdown Forest Board of Conservators, Brig (rtd) M R I Constatine OBE, The Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, RH18 5JP www.ashdownforest.org

² Section 96 of the 1980 Act makes provision for the maintenance of Stivichall common and Gosford Green as an open space with certain protections (see subsection (1)).

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					Ashdown Forest Act 1974 (c.xxi) (the whole Act).	
c.lvii	Drumburgh (Common and Moss — Bowness)	Cumbria	Neighbourhood	Access, walking and reasonable recreation during daytime: whole	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; no Board of Conservators known to exist</i> Owned and managed by Cumbria Trust for Nature Conservation www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/cumbria/row/DrumburghReserveFocus.pdf
1886 (49 & 50 Vict.) c.xv	Stoke (Stoke, Wyken & St Michael, Coventry)	Warwickshire	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation during daytime: whole	Revoked:— Coventry Corporation Act 1927 (c.xc), s.95(1)(e). ³	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; abolished by statute</i>
c.xvi	Totternhoe	Bedfordshire	Public	Walking on part of common to be regulated (except Cow Common) and games on certain parts	In force	Inclosure and Regulation <i>Board of Conservators established by order; no Board of Conservators known to exist</i> Managed as local authority open space by Bedfordshire County Council
1887 (50 & 51 Vict.)	Ewer (Alverstoke)	Hampshire	Neighbourhood	Recreation: whole	Order ceased to have effect by virtue of Local Government Act 1972 (c.70), s.262(9) &	Provisional order made on application of Alverstoke Local Board (urban sanitary authority) <i>Management vested in Alverstoke Local Board</i>

³ Section 95(1) of the 1927 Act makes provision for the maintenance of various commons.

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c.lxxvi					262(12)(b)	Managed by Gosport Leisure and Recreation Department
c.lxxvii	Laindon	Essex	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation: whole	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order</i> Check with Basildon DC
1888 (51 & 52 Vict.) c.clix	Therfield (Heath and Greens)	Hertfordshire	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation: whole	Amended:— Commons Regulation (Therfield) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1888 (Amendment) Order 1990 S.I. 1990/233	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; P Palmer Esq, Clerk to the Conservators of Therfield Heath, 38 Romany Close, Letchworth, SG6 4JZ</i>
1889 (52 & 53 Vict.) c.xliv	Amberswood (Ince-in-Makerfield, Wigan)	Greater Manchester	Neighbourhood	Access for recreation: whole	Cont:— Gtr. Manchester Act 1981 (c.ix), s.156.	Provisional order made on application of Ince-in-Makerfield Local Board (urban sanitary authority) <i>Management vested in Ince-in-Makerfield Local Board</i> Wigan Metropolitan Borough manages the common as an open space under the Greater Manchester Act 1981.
1890 (53 & 54 Vict.) c.lxxviii	Cleeve Hill (Bishop's Cleeve)	Gloucestershire	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation: whole	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Cleeve Hill Commons Board of Conservators, Ms Janet Page, Springfield House, Upper Hill Farm, Whittington, Cheltenham, GL54 4EU. www.cleevecommon.freeserve.co.uk
1893 (56 & 57 Vict.)	West Tilbury	Essex	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> West Tilbury Commons Conservators, Mr AN Jones, The Old Bakery, The Green, West Tilbury,

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c.cii				recreation: whole		Tilbury, RM18 8TU Owned by local residents, local farmer, local authority and CEGB
1894 (57 & 58 Vict.) c.xliii	Luton Moors (The Moor, Pope's Meadow, Bell Close)	Bedfordshire	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation: whole	Act applied as before by Ministry of Health Provisional Order Confirmation Act.(Luton Extn.) 1928 (c.xliii), art.28(2)(a), sch.2 pt.II of O. Act saved from repeal under Local Government Act 1972:— Luton Borough Council Act 1985 (c.xi), s.6.	<i>Management vested in Luton Corporation</i>
1895 (58 & 59 Vict.) c.lxxv	Bexhill Down	East Sussex	Neighbourhood	Access, games and reasonable recreation: whole	In force	<i>Management vested in Bexhill Urban District Council</i> Owned and managed by Rother District Council
c.lxxvi	High Road, Well Moor (Halifax)	West Yorkshire	Neighbourhood	Access and recreation: whole	Revoked (re West Yorkshire) — West Yorkshire Act 1980 (c.xiv), s.95, sch.5.	Provisional order made on application of Halifax Corporation <i>Management vested in Halifax Corporation</i>
1896 (59 & 60 Vict.) c.clxxiv	Darwen Moor	Lancashire	Neighbourhood	Access to whole; games and recreation as prescribed	In force	<i>Darwen Corporation appointed as Conservators</i> Owned and managed as open space by Blackburn Borough Council
1898 (61	Wolstanton	Staffordshire	Neighbour-	Access to	Cont:— Staffordshire	<i>Wolstanton Rural District Council appointed as</i>

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& 62 Vict.) c.xxxvi	Marsh		hood	whole; games and recreation as prescribed	Act 1983 (c.xviii), s.49.	<i>Conservators</i>
c.lxxxvii	Runcorn Heath and Runcorn Hill	Cheshire	Neighbourhood	Access to whole; games and recreation as prescribed	Cont:— Staffordshire Act 1983 (c.xviii), s.49.	<i>Runcorn Urban District Council appointed as Conservators</i> Managed as open space by Halton Borough Council
1901 (1 Edw. 7) c.xlv	Skipwith Common and Skipwith Open Fields	North Yorkshire	Neighbourhood	Access to whole; games and recreation on Little Common and as prescribed	In force	Inclosure and Regulation <i>Board of Conservators established by order</i> Managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust under the terms of a management agreement, drawn up in 1968, which vests responsibility for management in a management committee. As part of the management agreement, the Board of conservators was reconvened and nominated Conservators sit on the management committee, along with the soil owner and representatives from YWT.
1902 (2 Edw. 7) c.cxcix	Sodbury (Chipping Sodbury, Old Sodbury and Little Sodbury)	Gloucestershire	Neighbourhood	Access to whole; games and recreation as prescribed	Pt.II of order amended as to appointment of conservators:— S.I.1976/315(L), art.6.	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Sodbury Commons Conservators, Mrs F Thornton, 32, Old Reading Rooms, Didmarton, Gloucestershire, GL9 1DS Owned by a Trust (1985)
1904 (4 Edw. 7) c.cxxvi	Merrow Downs (Guildford)	Surrey	Neighbourhood	Access to defined area for walking, riding and air and	Revoked:— Guildford Corporation Act 1967 (c.xxviii), s.38(5).	<i>Board of Conservators established by order; abolished by statute</i> Managed by Guildford Borough Council as local authority open space.

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c.cxxvii	Oxshott Heath (Cobham)	Surrey	Neighbourhood	Access to whole; games and recreation as prescribed	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> See website for contact information www.oxshott.demon.co.uk/oxshott_heath/index.html
1908 (8 Edw. 7) c.cliii	Towyn Trewan (Llanfair-yn-neubwll, Llechylched, Llanfaelog)	Anglesey	Neighbourhood	Access to whole for walking, riding and air and exercise; games and recreation (other than golf) as prescribed	Amended to exclude part of common acquired by Crown for military purposes:— Towyn Trewan Common Act 1950 (c.xli), s.3; Towyn Trewan Common Act 1963 (c.4), s.1. Powers of conservators extended to permit additional works on common at request of Crown:— Towyn Trewan Common Act 1963 (c.4), s.6(3).	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Towyn Trewan Conservators, Ms Menna Evans, Cwyrty, Ty Croes, Anglesey.
1911 (1 & 2 Geo. 5) c.clxxix	Burrington (Ham, Blackdown, Langford Green, and Havyat Green)	Somerset	Neighbourhood	Access to whole for walking, air and exercise (dogs under control, no riding)	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order</i> Burrington Common Conservators
c.clxxx	Winton and Kaber (Winton and Kaber Fells, Kaber)	Cumbria	Neighbourhood	Access to whole for walking, air and exercise (no	In force	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Conservators of Winton and Kaber, Peter Beckworth, New Hall, Barras, Kirkby Stephen CA17

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	Rigg, Kaber Green, Winton Cow Close, Winton Longrigg, Hunter Rigg, Winton Green and Fell Lane — Winton, Kaber and Hartley, Muker)			dogs unless on leash, no riding); games as prescribed		4JD.
1914 (4 & 5 Geo. 5) c.liii	Gosford Green (St Michael, Coventry)	Warwickshire	Neighbourhood	Access to whole for recreation by walking, air and exercise; games as prescribed	Revoked:— West Midlands County Council Act 1980 (c.xi), s.121, sch.5 pt.II. ⁴	Provisional order made on application of Coventry Corporation <i>Coventry Corporation appointed as Conservators</i> Maintained as open space by Coventry County Council under the Public Health Act 1875.
1919 (9 & 10 Geo. 5) c.lxx	Coity Wallia (Cefn Hirgoed Common, Hirwaun Common, Ystrad-y-Waun, Allt-y-Rhiw and Mynydd-y-Gaer — Pen-coed Coy-church, Higher	Bridgend	Neighbourhood	Access to whole (except where sold/appropriated) for recreation by walking, air and exercise; games as appointed	Revoked with saving for Award (as amended and set out in sch.2) and new provision for appointment and functions of conservators:— Coity Wallia Commons Act 1976 (c.xxix), s.3, sch.1. Section 36 of Commons Act 1876 continues to	<i>Board of Conservators established by order:</i> Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, Mr Douglas John, Swyn y Nant, 2 Llwyn Gwern, Pen-coed, Bridgend, CF35 6UL.

⁴ See footnote 2.

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	St Bride's Minor and Coity Higher)				apply (s.3(3))	

Sources: *The Law of Commons*, G D Gasden; Orders as confirmed; [Chronological Table of Local Acts 1797-2001](#); Countryside Commission Report by Land Use Consultants, 1985