

Management of Sherfield Village Green

Under the Scheme of Regulation for Sherfield Green, dated 20th August 1971, the management and status of Sherfield Green changed, so that commoners no longer benefitted from grazing rights and from other rights of common and management became the responsibility, initially, of Basingstoke Rural District Council, which became part of the much larger Basingstoke District Council, which later became Basingstoke Borough Council.

The Village Green was now for the enjoyment and recreational use of the inhabitants of the district and neighbourhood, who had a right of free access to every part of the Village Green, with the Lords of the Manor retaining their rights to the soil, substrata, mines and minerals and to any game. There are Lords of the Manor, because two branches of the same family hold title to different parts of the Village Green.

In line with Newtown Common and Silchester Common, which are subject to the same Bye Laws, management of Sherfield Green was delegated by Basingstoke Borough Council to Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish Council on 23rd March 1978.

The extent of Sherfield Green is shown coloured green on the attached plan. Greenway has been included in the green colouring, but this is incorrect, as Greenway does not form part of Sherfield Green, so the Village Green does provide the sole means of access to the properties in Greenway. The relevance of this will become clear when the Bye Laws affecting Sherfield Green are read. A copy of the Bye Laws is also attached for reference.