

Alcohol Consumption at the recreation Ground Fountain Lane Soham

Guidance to assist

This recreation ground Soham is owned by Soham Town Council.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The legal age for alcohol purchase and consumption is 18

It is illegal for people under **18** to buy alcohol in a pub, off-licence, shop or elsewhere

Young people aged **16** or **17** can drink beer, wine or cider **with a meal (ie in a pub) if it is bought by an adult and it is purchased and they are accompanied by an adult.**

It is illegal for young people aged **16** or **17** to drink spirits.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGED 16-17) ARE NOT PERMITTED TO POSSESS OR DRINK ALCOHOL SPIRITS OR DRINKS CONTAINING ALCOHOL IN THE RECREATION GROUND.

SHOULD UPON CHALLENGE A YOUNG PERSON IS FOUND TO BE IN THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION BY A RELEVANT OFFICER

RELEVANT OFFICER: A relevant Officer under the byelaws in force at the recreation ground can be an Officer of the Town Council, the Designated Premises Licence Holder and/or a Police Officer/PCSO.

WHAT IS 'INTOXICATING LIQUOR'?

Spirits Wine Beer Cider Other fermented, distilled or spirit liquor

It is NOT:

Perfume, medicine or anything not recognised as being for consumption

For an adult (18+ years) is NOT an offence to merely possess alcohol at the recreation ground, nor does it place The Relevant Officer under a duty to confiscate such alcohol. Confiscation in this instance and by The Relevant Officer will only occur at appropriate times and when it is believed to be the appropriate action to take. The Town Council authorises **The Relevant Officer with the power to confiscate alcohol from persons who are drinking to excess and are causing or likely to cause a public affray.**

It is the view of Soham Town Council that seizure of alcohol may well be considered an 'appropriate course of action' even though there is no nuisance or bad behaviour accompanying the drinking.

The relevant Officer is empowered to act where he/she reasonably believes that a person is, or has been, consuming intoxicating liquor on Council land or intends to consume intoxicating liquor in such a place. Where this is considered the case the Relevant Officer may require the person concerned when requested to:

- (a) cease consumption and surrender anything in his possession which the Relevant Officer reasonably believes to be, intoxicating liquor or a container for such liquor.
- (b) leave the recreation ground.

2. The Relevant Officer may dispose of anything surrendered to him in such a manner as he considers appropriate.
3. The Relevant Officer who imposes a requirement on a person in accordance with the above shall inform the person concerned that failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement is an offence.
4. Failure to comply without reasonable excuse to The Relevant Officer's request will be an arrestable offence.
5. A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed on him under the above commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on a standard scale.

**THE RECREATION GROUND IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY-
PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER USERS**