



## Horseytalk.net BRIDLEWAYS WATCH

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**Be warned. Not every sign telling riders what they can and cannot do is legal.**

These horse signs on Englefield Green Common in North West Surrey, near Runnymede, are ILLEGAL.

Englefield Green Common, is a registered village green.

It is also a 'Section 193 Common' [S.193 of the law of property Act 1925] so, since the Billson case [R v Secretary of State for the Environment, ex parte Billson] , the public have a right of access for 'air and exercise' over the whole of the common on foot and on horseback.



This means that as long as the rider is, himself, taking exercise on the horse [and not exercising the horse, eg lungeing or long reigning it etc], and not otherwise breaking the law, no one can stop him riding anywhere on the land at whatever pace he likes.

Apart from the roads, there are two highways, in this case, footpaths [ie a right of way on foot] across this land. These are footpaths across land that has a pre-existing right of access on horseback. A right of way on foot does not exclude access on horseback if it is lawful on the land. This means that in this case, the rider, if he wishes, can ride on or across the footpath.

These signs are UNLAWFUL.

If you know of any other UNLAWFUL horse signs, [please let us know](#). The more evidence we have of UNLAWFUL road signs, the more we can fight for riders' rights.



**HORSE RIDERS**

Must dismount and  
walk around the  
edge of the green.