

## Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 came into force on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. This act has implications for a variety of events that are held annually on Council Land. The act required that all land or premises must hold a licence to permit certain entertainment activities to take place, these include:

- Dancing
- Live Music
- Martial Arts Demonstrations
- Cinema (Including moving backgrounds in some plays)
- Carnivals
- Recorded Music
- Live Plays

Leisure & Cultural Services Section has been successful in obtaining premises licenses for eight sites in Worthing, these being the sites where licensable activities traditionally have taken place in previous years. Alcohol has not formed part of any of the license applications and will continue to be prohibited from all events unless the Assistant Director (Leisure & Cultural Services) grants specific permission in writing.

Please note this does not remove the requirement for an application of a Premises licence or a Temporary Events Notice (TENS) being served on the licensing officer in order to obtain legal authority to serve alcohol. As the responsible managers of the land, we do not support alcohol forming part of open space events.

Existing controls are still in place regarding excessive noise and unsuitable events and specific measures are still in place at Steyne Gardens due to its proximity to neighbouring residents and businesses.

Premises Licenses have been obtained for the following sites:

- Beach House Grounds
- Beach House Park
- Broadwater Green
- Highdown Gardens
- Homefield Park
- Pond Lane Recreation Ground
- Steyne Gardens
- Worthing Promenade & Foreshore including the Greensward