



# Justices of the Peace Act 1361

1361 CHAPTER 1 34 Edw 3

These be the Things which our Lord the King, the Prelates, Lords, and the Commons have ordained in this present Parliament, holden at Westminster, the Sunday next before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, to be holden and published openly through the Realm (<sup>X1</sup>)

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## Editorial Information

**X1** Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: That is to say:

### **I Who shall be Justices of the Peace. Their Jurisdiction over Offenders; Rioters; Barrators; They may take Surety for good Behaviour.**

First, That in every County of England shall be assigned for the keeping of the Peace, one Lord, and with him three or four of the most worthy in the County, with some learned in the Law, and they shall have Power to restrain the Offenders, Rioters, and all other Barators, and to pursue, arrest, take, and chastise them according their Trespass or Offence; and to cause them to be imprisoned and duly punished according to the Law and Customs of the Realm, and according to that which to them shall seem best to do by their Discretions and good Advisement; . . . <sup>F1</sup>; and to take and arrest all those that they may find by Indictment, or by Suspicion, and to put them in Prison; and to take of all them that be [<sup>X2</sup>not] of good Fame, where they shall be found, sufficient Surety and Mainprise of their good Behaviour towards the King and his People, and the other duly to punish; to the Intent that the People be not by such Rioters or Rebels troubled nor endamaged, nor the Peace blemished, nor Merchants nor other passing by the Highways of the Realm disturbed, nor [<sup>X3</sup>put in the Peril which may happen] of such Offenders: . . . <sup>F2</sup>

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justices of the Peace Act 1361. (See end of Document for details)

Statuti fc'm in p'liameto tento apud Westfll; anno xxxiiij<sup>mo</sup>. In Margine  
Roth.

Ex magno Rot. Stat. in Turri,  
Lond. m. 10.

Ces sont les choses queles nre  
Seign' le Roi Prelatz Seign' s &  
la comune ont ordene en cest  
p'ent plement, tenuz a West-  
minster le Dynege Juchin  
devant la feste de la Corvion  
de Saint Poul, a leur & publier  
olement p'ny le Roialme;  
Cestassavoir:

Prilllement q en chescun  
Countee D'engleterre soient assig-  
nez, p' la garde de la p'ce, un  
Seign', & oversq lui trois ou  
quatre des meuz vauz de  
Countee, ensamblement ove  
aucuns sages de la ley, & eient  
poer de restreindre les mefe-  
sours, riots s, & touz aut's  
baretto s, & de les p'suir, arest-  
ter, p'ndre, chastier, selonc leur  
fopus ou mesprisoun; & de faire  
emprisoner, & duement punir

selonc la ley & custumes du  
Roialme, & selonc ce qils v'ront  
meuz affaire p' lo' discrecions  
& bon avisenent; . . . ' & de  
p'ndre & arester touz ceux qils  
p'ront trov' p'endement, ou  
p' suspicion & les mettre en pri-  
sonne & de p'ndre de touz ceux  
(qil sont) de bone fame, ou ils  
v'ront trover, souffisant seurete  
& incempru de lo' bon port,  
devis le Roi & son poeple, & les  
aut's duement punir; au finq le  
poeple ne soit p'teux riots s  
troble pendamage ne la p'ce  
enbely, ne marchantz naut's  
passantz p' les hautes chemys  
du Roialme destourbez ne  
abatez du pil q' y'a avient de  
teux meffesours; . . . ' .

\*q' ne sont Ed. Stat. Westm. II;  
Rot. Stat. Nov. C.1. and the Old  
Printed Copies.

Editorial Information

- X2 All Translations read thus.
- X3 Variant reading of the text noted in *The Statutes of the Realm* as follows: put in fear by peril which might happen

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#)
- F2 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#) and [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. II](#)

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