



# Justices of the Peace Act 1361

1361 CHAPTER 1 34 Edw 3

A STATUTE made in the Parliament holden at Westminster; In the Thirty-fourth Year.

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## Editorial Information

- X1 This Act is not necessarily in the form in which it has effect in Northern Ireland
- X2 The original text of this Act was not modern English. The traditional translation appears first with obsolete characters modernised. The original text (as an image) appears second.

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), Sch. 2](#)
- C2 Act amended by [Magistrates' Courts \(Appeals from Binding Over Orders\) Act 1956 \(c. 44\), s. 1](#)

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>(X3)</sup>

## Editorial Information

- X3 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

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to do by their Discretions and good Advise<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>X4</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>X5</sup>put in the Peril which may happen] of such Offenders: . . . <sup>F2</sup>

Statuti fc'm in p'liamento apud Westm; anno xxxiiii<sup>m</sup>. In Margine  
Rozali.

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

Ces sont les choses queles nre  
Seign' le Roi Prelatz Seign' s &  
la comune ont ordinez en cest  
pluist plément, tenuz a West-  
minster le Dymenge Juchain  
devant la feste de la Convoion  
de Saint Paul, a tenir & publier  
oïvement par le Roialme.  
Cestassavoir:

Primement q' en chescun  
Countee Dengleterre soient assig-  
nez, p' la garde de la pees, un  
Seign' & oversq' lui trois ou  
quatre des meulz vaxez de  
Countee, ensemblement ove  
aucuns sages de la ley, & eiant  
poer de entendre les mefe-  
sours, riotors, & touz auts  
haretors, & de les p' saisir, arres-  
ter, jurer, chaister, selonc leur  
t'pus ou mespicion, & de faire  
emprisoner, & dument punir

selonc la ley & custumes du  
Roialme, & selonc ce q'is vront  
maiz affaire p' lo' discretions  
& bon avise<sup>m</sup>; . . . & de  
jurer & arreser touz ceuz q'is  
p'ront trov' p'endement, ou  
p' suspicion & les mettre en pri-  
sonne & de jurer de touz ceuz  
(q' sont) de bone fame, ou q'is  
sont trov'z, souffisant seurete  
& incensu de lo' bon port,  
de'z le Roi & son poeple, & les  
auts dument punir; au, finq' le  
poeple ne soit p' touz riotors  
trouble mendamage ne la pees  
entahy, ne marchantz naufrs  
pussantz p' les hautes chemys  
du Roialme deshouber ne  
abatez du p' q' n'a avensit de  
toux meffesours: . . .

<sup>F1</sup> Cf. also 1361, Statute, *Magna Carta*,  
1361, *Stat. Westm. C.1*, and also *1361*  
*Printed Copies*.

## Editorial Information

- X4** All Translations read thus.  
**X5** 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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