

Fields in Trust

Fields in Trust is the only independent UK wide charity dedicated to protecting and improving outdoor space for sport, play and recreation.

Formed in 1925 as the National Playing Fields Association with the aim to ensure that all have access to free local facilities for healthy outdoor activities, there are currently 1281 protected sites, totalling 8798 acres.

The Queen Elizabeth 2 Fields Challenge is the current flagship UK wide programme of Fields in Trust celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, London Olympics, Paralympics and the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The challenge hopes to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012. All kinds of sites are eligible to become Queen Elizabeth 2 fields.

The challenge is supported by the Patron The Duke of Cambridge and through the support of partners including ASDA, SITA Trust, LV=, LMA, Princes Foundation, Sport England and a range of trust and foundations.

The challenge supports the Olympic legacy by protecting local spaces for children to play sport and be active, recognising the vital place parks, pitches and green spaces play in grass roots sport.

The benefits of dedication for local authorities will help to address key agendas around physical activity, social cohesion and improving the environment.

Fields in Trust have worked closely with local authorities since its formation in 1925, recognising the contribution made in relation to providing and managing all types of open space for local communities.

The positive impact of recommending standards for sport, play and recreation led to the Design for Outdoor Sport and Play, traditionally referred to as the 'Six Acre Standard'