



# **Briefing paper: Centenary Fields**

1 September 2014

# 1 Background

- 1.1 Fields in Trust (FIT) have released a paper requesting organisations to submit an application for sites they wish to be considered for Centenary Fields to commemorate those that lost their lives in WW1.

## 2 Issues for Discussion

### 2.1 Who is managing & what are Centenary Fields?

Fields in Trust are delivering a nationwide initiative in partnership with The Royal British Legion.

- 2.2 Centenary Fields aims to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I. Through this new programme landowners across the UK will be encouraged to dedicate at least one recreational space as a Centenary Field. This will commemorate this significant milestone in our history and create a tangible local legacy that will be valued by communities for generations to come. These spaces can include war memorial parks and playing fields given in memory of those who lost their lives, or other significant green spaces.
- 2.3 In order that we give consideration to those sites that we feel should be considered as a centenary Field an application form must be completed. (See Appendix 1 attached).
- 2.4 Fields in Trust have put together a range of frequently asked questions (Appendix II attached) that aims to inform landowners of the implications of the site becoming a centenary field.

## 3 Possible sites

- 3.1 The following sites have been raised as potential sites for an application to be submitted to Fields in Trust, although consideration could be given to other sites in Oldham that would meet the criteria, if there is a desire to do so.
  - Higher Memorial Park, Grafton Street, Failsworth (appendix III)
  - Lower Memorial Park, Park Avenue, Failsworth. (appendix IV)

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- Shaw Memorial gardens- Westway Shaw (appendix V)
- Dobcross memorial Garden, Wool Road Dobcross (appendix VI)
- There are no minimum or maximum numbers of sites that can be applied for, however decisions of the sites chosen to become Centenary Fields will be made by Fields in Trust.

## 4 The Potential costs

The cost to Oldham will be registering the Centenary Deed at the Land registry and possible solicitor's costs.

## 5 Recommendations

- To request the District Executive's to consider sites in their District and recommend sites they feel should be considered.
- Submit application forms for the chosen sites to Fields in Trust.





# APPENDIX 1

## CENTENARY FIELDS APPLICATION FORM



You can type straight into the grey text fields or if completing a hard copy please use block capitals

### SITE DETAILS

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Category: Principal Local Authority  Town, Parish, Community Council  Other   
If land is held on charitable Trust, charity number: \_\_\_\_\_ CASC registration No. (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street name (entrance): \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode (or that of nearest property): \_\_\_\_\_  
Town or Village: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Authority Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT DETAILS OF LANDOWNER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Address for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone numbers: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER CONTACTS

#### Main Contact for all ongoing correspondence (if different from the above)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Address for correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone numbers: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Second point of contact (if relevant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel daytime: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Legal representative (if relevant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel daytime: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## INFORMATION REQUIRED

### The following documents must accompany your application:

For registered land, the register of title dated within the last 12 months. Tick here to indicate this is included

Land Registry Number/s:

For unregistered land, the root of title. Tick here to indicate this is included

Suitable plan showing location and outline of the site marked in red  Scale 1:1250-2500 incl compass (north) point

To your knowledge are any leased areas to be included in the dedication? Yes  No  Not sure

If yes, please state the name of any leaseholders:

If yes, we will require a copy of the lease. Tick here to indicate this is included

## MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SITE *(please select one option that best describes the site)*

- |                |                          |            |                          |                      |                          |                             |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Country Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation Ground    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gardens        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Park       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sports playing field | <input type="checkbox"/> | Walk/cycle trail            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nature Reserve | <input type="checkbox"/> | Play Area  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Village Green        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial/remembrance garden | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## SITE DESCRIPTION AND IMAGES

Please provide a description about the site, including its significance to WWI, which we will use to create a public profile (*maximum 150 words*).

Please submit two images of the site electronically, stating the name of the site in the subject line. Images should be high resolution (400 x 300 pixels) in size. Tick here to indicate you are including these

## ACCESS

Please give details about how much public access there is at the site:

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Give details of any grant funding secured to improve the site within the last five years.

If unknown then tick here

Grant awarding Body/ies	Improvement Project	Amount	Date

## USER GROUPS

### Friends of the Park group

Name of Friends Group:

Website:

Key Contact name:

Position held:

Email:

Telephone:

### List any organised groups or sports clubs that use the site on a regular basis

Name of Organisation:

Main sports/activities:

Website:

Key Contact name:

Position held:

Email:

Telephone:

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*Please use a separate sheet for any additional user groups*

## FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Please give an indication of the number and type of users of the site:

Please tick any regular activities that take place at the site:

Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Croquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Netball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skateboarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rounders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugby League	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rugby Union	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other, please specify:

Please insert the number of each facility type located at the site:

Grass football pitches	_____	Cricket square	_____	BMX / bike track	_____
Grass rugby pitches	_____	Athletics track	_____	Skateboarding area	_____
Artificial sports pitches	_____	Bowling green	_____	Outdoor gym	_____
Tennis courts	_____	Play area	_____	Outdoor lido	_____
Multi Use Games Area	_____	Pavilion or Hall	_____	Marked walk/run route	_____

Does the site have Green Flag status? Standard  Community  Heritage  No

If you are interested in finding out more from Green Flag please email: [greenflagawards@keepbritaintidy.org](mailto:greenflagawards@keepbritaintidy.org)

Give details of any key events that take place at the site:

List any local schools that use the site on a regular basis:

## APPROVAL

Please give details of any approval process that you are required to go through internally in order to progress your application for protection:

*Please note if your application is accepted we will use some of the information on our website and in our publications. We will not disclose contact details to any third party without your prior consent.*

**To apply for protection of your site as a Centenary Field, please return your completed form and attachments by email to**

**[centenaryfields@fieldsintrust.org](mailto:centenaryfields@fieldsintrust.org) or post to: Fields in Trust, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,**

**15 Crinan Street, London N1 9SQ**







## CENTENARY FIELDS

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **1. What is the initiative all about?**

The Centenary Fields programme aims to protect at least one green space in every local authority area across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to commemorate the centenary of World War I (WW1). These protected sites could be war memorial parks or recreation grounds, memorial gardens, parks and recreation grounds that contain war memorials or other valued green spaces. Safeguarding these sites will create a living UK-wide legacy in commemoration of the sacrifice made by those who lost their lives in WWI. Fields in Trust is working in partnership with the Royal British Legion to deliver the programme.

#### **2. Are you creating any new fields or are they all existing fields?**

It is anticipated that the majority of fields protected through the Centenary Fields programme will already be in existence and will have a significant link to WWI. In some instances, where a suitable site is not already in existence, then local authorities may choose to mark the centenary of WWI by dedicating one of their flagship sites as a Centenary Field or by creating a completely new site.

#### **3. Is this just an exercise to rename existing fields?**

No absolutely not! Fields in Trust exists to safeguard fields in perpetuity via a legal document called a deed of dedication. Decades of urban development have seen the stock of playing fields reduce substantially and once outdoor recreational spaces are lost to development they are lost for good. Safeguarding sites through the Centenary Fields programme and other Fields in Trust initiatives ensures that more parks, playing fields and other spaces will be available for future generations to enjoy.

#### **4. Who are you targeting with this initiative?**

Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion hope that the whole of the UK will support this initiative. Phase One of the campaign which started in April 2014 has been the approach to all first tier local authorities asking them to protect at least one suitable field in their area. Phase Two, scheduled to begin in November 2014, will be to approach Town and Parish Councils with the same request. We hope that all landowners will see the great benefits that protecting these spaces will have in terms of addressing some topical agendas around increasing physical activity, promoting social cohesion and improving the environment, alongside commemorating the Centenary of WW1 in a long-lasting way for their communities.

#### **5. Why should local authorities get involved with this initiative?**

Dedicating a Centenary Field is a fitting way for local authorities to mark the centenary of WWI by commemorating the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the conflict and ensuring that their communities benefit now and in the future from protected green spaces. The Centenary Fields programme is also a way of local authorities fulfilling the Armed Forces Community Covenant that the vast majority have signed up to.

#### **6. Is there a deadline for applications to the programme?**

We want the network of protected fields to be established by November 2018, with all deeds of dedication signed by this time. Any sites where the deed is not signed by this time will not become Centenary Fields.

#### **7. How is a site defined for this programme and what criteria need to be met?**

A site could be a war memorial park or recreation ground, memorial garden, park or recreation ground that contains a war memorial or other valued green spaces. If there isn't a war memorial on the site then it must have some significance to WW1, for example it could be playing a key role in the local WW1 commemorations. As time goes on there will undoubtedly be some good examples of how sites are connected with WW1, and these will be promoted as applicable.

Each application will be assessed through a site visit but as a minimum, the following criteria must be met:



**14. Can a site retain its current name or does it have to be renamed the Centenary Field?**

It is not necessary for the sites involved in the programme to change their names. We are very aware that so many sites already have names that are instantly recognisable within the community through their long usage. The site would acquire Centenary Fields *status*, and receive and display signage associated with this which would ensure there was no requirement for any actual name change. The King George V Fields are a good template for this. Many local authorities will be familiar with the King George V Fields in their area still being known by other names, whilst also having the King George V plaques at their entrances.

**15. Will protected sites be provided with any signage to show they are a Centenary Field?**

Every site will receive a commemorative plaque to display on the site. The plaques will have provision for the name of the site and/or the name of the landowner or the geographical location.

**16. Will the specific site always be protected?**

Fields in Trust does accept that on rare occasions communities change and land use changes accordingly. Parts of sites, or very rarely, whole sites can therefore be disposed of provided the disposal is of clear advantage to, and in the best interests of, the community from a recreational perspective. The criteria which Fields in Trust applies to replacement facilities are that they should be of:

- at least equal size
- better quality
- serving the same community in terms of catchment area.

Additionally, and very importantly, the entire proceeds of any disposal should normally be re-applied to new sport, recreation and/or play facilities, with priority given to outdoor before indoor facilities

**17. Is there a limit to the number of applications/successful applicants from a region/area?**

There is no quota per area, and the programme is not competitive between landowners. Each application will be judged against the criteria on its own merits.

**18. Is there any funding available for Centenary Fields?**

There is no funding at present, but Fields in Trust is currently fundraising for the programme and will promote any funding programme when possible.

**19. Are sites which have a WWI memorial that are already protected as QEII Fields eligible to be put forward for the Centenary Fields programme?**

No these sites are already protected and therefore would not be eligible to become Centenary Fields. The programme aims to increase the amount of playing fields, recreation grounds and parks protected by Fields in Trust. We are looking for a way to acknowledge the fact that these sites have a link with WW1 and will provide more information in due course.

**20. We have a Memorial park with a WWI memorial and would like to get it put on the official register of memorials, how can we do this?**

This is something that involvement with the Centenary Fields will facilitate through Fields in Trust's partnership with the War Memorials Trust. At the site visit the correct information will be collected to ensure that this valuable resource is enhanced.

**21. How can the public support the initiative?**

The public can support Centenary Fields by encouraging their local authority to safeguard a green space as part of the campaign, could get involved with a 'Friends of' group linked with a protected site and, if they wish, by making donations to the programme.

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For more information on Centenary Fields please go to [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)





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All mandatory questions answered

**Overview**

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**Searches**

Address Search 1/2

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FAILSWORTH

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Pan

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**Searches**

**Address Search**

All mandatory questions answered

**Overview**

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