

King George's Field Plans

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A Little History...

In 1936 the King George Field Trust was set up as a memorial to the late King George V. Its aim was:

"To promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people.

Each of the playing fields shall be styled 'King George's Field' and be distinguished by heraldic panels or other appropriate tablet commemorative of His Late Majesty."

By coincidence the year before, in 1935, the Parish Council had been trying to establish a children's play area. Prompted by the formation of the new King George Field Trust, they began the process of procuring various pieces of land from Corpus Christi, the first of which was acquired on 24th June 1937.

In 1938 a grant was accepted from the King George Field Trust and in 1948 the first Committee of Management was established.

To this day, the King George V panels sit proudly either side of the gates onto the field from Freehold Street.



The Plans

The aim is to **re-model and extend the existing facilities** to provide a more welcoming and open environment for the whole village to enjoy: a field that will accommodate whatever sports residents wish to be played on it, and an improved building which contains **appropriate changing and bathing facilities to the rear, and a large, airy room at the front** for parties, yoga, parent-and-baby groups, etc. as well as a bar and catering facilities.

The new committee has set up working groups to finalise the scope and specification, finance and funding, the project management, and communications, as well as a new facility management group who will make sure that the facility is looked after and available to all residents.

Recent Developments

- The old Committee of Management that was originally set up had, over the years, fallen by the wayside. So, as part of the process of agreeing a new lease, the various parties (the Parish Council, the Trustees of the Field, the Football and Sports & Social Club) met on 21st September, and agreed to form a new committee that would represent the needs of the **whole of the community** in Lower Heyford and Caulcott.
- On 21st November the AGM of the King George V Field Trust was held in St Mary's Church in Lower Heyford. A committee comprising **seven members representing various village organisations plus five independent, elected members** was appointed at that meeting.
- On 4th December, the newly-appointed committee met to discuss how we can best realise the wishes of the community that were strongly expressed in the Parish Plan in 2011.

Keeping in Touch

The Committee of Management meets monthly and will **publish minutes of all its meetings** and as things progress we will hold open sessions for residents to attend and have their say. We want to build something that all residents of both villages can really enjoy and be very proud of!

Meanwhile please keep an eye on the notice boards and the village website: heyford.info

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please e-mail: lowerheyford.newfacility@gmail.com

This news sheet will be hand-delivered to every house in Caulcott and Lower Heyford regularly for the next year or so, to keep all residents up-to-date with developments as they happen and to give you the chance to have your say.