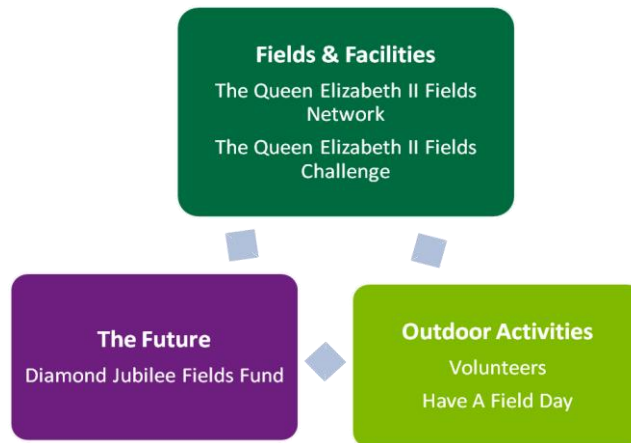


Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge



The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is an exciting new programme to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee led by its Patron The Duke of Cambridge. It is a landmark project to create a permanent, tangible and relevant legacy from the two major events scheduled to occur in the UK in 2012; Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics.



Fields and Facilities

The Challenge will permanently protect a network of 2012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012 in communities across the UK – the Queen Elizabeth II Fields, in Scotland the Queen Elizabeth Fields. We are working with Local Authorities to nominate a number of potential sites in their area and later this year we will be asking the public to vote for the spaces they would most like to see protected as a Queen Elizabeth II Field. The Challenge will give everyone the opportunity to participate in creating their own legacy through the public vote and will be supported by a national media campaign. Town and Parish Councils and other landowners are also encouraged to submit spaces for inclusion in the Challenge.

Outdoor Activities

These spaces offer fantastic opportunities for communities and by working with partners we will help to increase participation in outdoor activities and volunteering schemes. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge will culminate in Have a Field Day, a nationwide mass participation community event on protected sites all across the country

The Future

We hope that the Queen Elizabeth II Fields will also have access to improvement funds. To date a £1 million fund exclusively available to Queen Elizabeth II Fields in England and Wales has been created by SITA Trust and will be split between 2011 and 2012. Sport England's Places, People, Play Legacy will also support the Challenge through the £10 million Protecting Playing Fields fund.



Please play on the grass!

Fields in Trust

Who Are We?

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 we aim to ensure that everyone - young or old, able or disabled and whether they live in an urban or rural area – has access to free, local facilities for healthy outdoor activities. Outdoor spaces have a vital role to play in creating healthy communities helping not only to increase physical activity but also to foster social cohesion and improve the local environment.

Our work is as vital and relevant now as it was back in 1925 with outdoor spaces continuing to come under threat from development every single week. Currently we protect 1362 sites all across the country totalling 8584 acres ensuring that future generations will have access to outdoor space for sport, play and recreation.

Royal Patronage

Fields in Trust has benefitted enormously from Royal Patronage since our foundation in 1925 by King George V. We have been privileged to have HM The Queen as our Patron since 1952 and the dedicated service of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT as our President for 63 years. We are delighted that The Duke of Cambridge has kindly agreed to continue this close association with The Royal Family by agreeing to be Patron of our brand new campaign, The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, in tribute to his Grandmother on the occasion of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

King George V Memorial Playing Fields

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge has a particular resonance and continuity for Fields in Trust as it mirrors the memorial project created following King George V's death in 1936. 471 parks, playing fields and children's playgrounds were dedicated in perpetuity as King George V Playing Fields in communities all across the country in honour of our founder. These sites still exist today and are much loved and well used by the communities they serve. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is an opportunity to create a 21st century version of this great, tangible legacy that has brought real benefit to thousands of people in the UK

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in a high profile nationwide campaign with real local impact. It will secure a permanent and credible legacy which will benefit generations to come. For further information please contact Helen Griffiths, Director of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge on helen.griffiths@fieldsintrust.org or visit www.qe2fields.com