

CARNEGIE NPFA PLAYING FIELD: COWDEN RECREATION GROUND, KENT

Site details

Location: Cowden, Kent, TN8 7HU
Landowner: Cowden Parish Council
Size: 3 acres

History

The ground was already used as a playing field for some years but was not secured. The property was acquired by Cowden Parish Council in 1929 with a purchase price of £300.00

Grant awards were agreed in 1930:

Carnegie UK Trust grant	£45.00
NPFA grant	£15.00
Kent County Playing Fields Association	£50.00

The recreation ground was seen as a great asset to the Parish. The scheme involved the purchase of 2 ¼ additional acres, fencing, hedges and forming a cricket pitch. A Village Hall was also built as an additional item. A local resident offered £20 if nine others follow him and £150 was raised in this way from other smaller subscribers.

Protection status

With thanks to Malcolm Hawkes, Trustee of Kent County Playing Fields Association we have copies of the original grant application and correspondence. There is some debate as to how these documents would stand up from a legal perspective and Fields in Trust will approach the Parish Council to discuss entering into a Deed of Dedication to firm up the protection.

Facilities and Activities

Cowden is an un-spoilt village in Kent, near Edenbridge. There is a children's play area, a cricket pavilion and tennis courts. The recreation ground hosts cricket and football matches as well as the annual village fete and bonfire night.

Cowden Tennis club competes in the Wealden League. Both tennis courts are floodlit and are available for use any time by club members with a variety of sessions throughout the week. Cowden Cricket Club combine competitive league cricket and friendly cricket for all levels. Families and supporters are welcome.

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The area outlined in red is Cowden Recreation Ground



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Photos 2014



The Cowden Conservation Society unveiled a plaque to mark the planting of 3 trees for the Diamond Jubilee on the Cowden recreation ground. The trees are a Sandringham Jubilee Oak, a Crabapple and a Wild Service, all of which are native in the local ancient woodlands.

