

**Part A - About the group making the nomination**

**A1. Organisation's name and address**

Name of Organisation	Green Open Spaces for Heathfield
Address including Post Code	Little Marklye, Marklye Lane, Heathfield. East Sussex TN21 8QB

**A2. Contact details**

Name	Sarah Bushnell
Position in Organisation	Secretary
Address including Post Code	Little Marklye, Marklye Lane, Heathfield. East Sussex TN21 8QB
Telephone Number	01435 862412
Email Address	maximillion998@aol.com

**A3. Type of organisation**

<p><b>A.</b> Town or Parish council</p> <p><b>B.</b> Body designated as a neighbourhood forum under the Town and Country Planning Act</p> <p><b>C.</b> Unincorporated body with at least 21 individual members and which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members</p> <p><b>D.</b> Charity</p> <p><b>E.</b> Company limited by guarantee which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members</p> <p><b>F.</b> Industrial and provident society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members</p> <p><b>G.</b> Community interest company</p> <p><b>H.</b> Other – please detail</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Go to question B1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please attach a list of full names and addresses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please provide details</p>
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**Registration Number (if applicable)**

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**A4. Local Connection**

**Please provide copies of all relevant pieces of documentation**, to show that the organisation is concerned with the area covered by Wealden District Council, or a neighbouring local authority (i.e. is based in or is responsible for covering the area). Not applicable to town and parish councils.

**For groups identified in question A3 as categories C, E or F please provide further evidence** that any surplus made by the group is wholly or partially applied for the benefit of the area covered by Wealden District Council or a neighbouring local authority area.

Please provide a copy of the following as relevant to your organisation	Please tick all that have been provided
Memorandum of Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Articles of Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Companies House return	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust Deed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constitution / Terms of reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standing Orders	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest Statement for Community Interest Company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unincorporated body list of 21 individual members full names and addresses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please provide details of other paperwork provided**

List of members provided.

Copy of Land Registry Plan for title number ESX282637

Aerial image of field from Google Earth

## Part B – About the asset being nominated for inclusion in the list of assets of community value

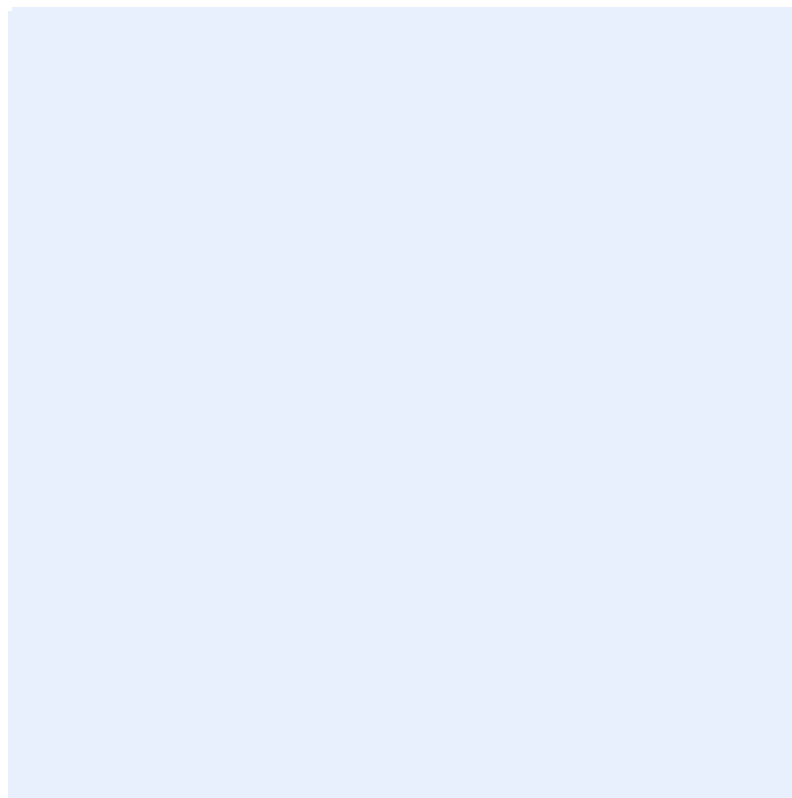
### B1. Name and address of asset being nominated

Name	Field at SW end of Marklye Lane, known locally as the 'Dog walking field'.
Address including Post Code	Marklye Lane, Heathfield, East Sussex. TN21 8QA. OS Grid Reference 558682,121971

### B2. Maps and drawings

Please provide information which helps to clarify the exact location and extent of the asset being nominated. This could include:

- where the land is registered, the Land Registry Title Information document and map with boundaries clearly marked in red (less than one month old). Provision of Land Registry information is not essential but it may help us to reach a decision on the nomination more quickly.
- a written description with ordinance survey location, and explaining where the boundaries lie, the approximate size and location of any building/s on the land and details of any roads bordering the site.
- a drawing or sketch map with boundaries clearly marked in red – websites which might help you in plotting boundaries include: <http://maps.google.co.uk/> , [http://www.wealden.gov.uk/web\\_online\\_mapping.aspx](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/web_online_mapping.aspx) , and <http://publicassets.communities.gov.uk/>



**B2. Current use of asset**

a. What is the current main use of the asset?

The field has has lain fallow for at least 40 years and is primarily used for walking and recreation.

b. Do you consider that the current and main use of the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?

**Yes**  If yes please continue

**No**  If no please go to question B3

c. Please explain how the current and main use of the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community.

The field is known locally as 'The Top of the World' and also is often referred to as 'The Dog Walking Field' – it has a very long history of unimpeded public access and recreational use.

In the early part of the 20th Century it was part of the Heathfield Golf Course, this wound up in 1946 and the field became part of Northdown Farm. The field was sold in 1989 to the current owners.

Throughout the last 40 years the local residents have had access to the field for recreational purposes - dog walking, walking, picnicking, blackberrying, sledging and other informal sports activities. From the field, access can be gained to nearby Ancient Woodland, to the Millennium Green and to the Cuckoo Trail which runs down Marklye Lane. Collectively these make an exceptional sequence of recreational and relaxation areas where people can escape from the day to day stresses and enjoy the experience of being out in the outstanding High Weald countryside.

As a recreational asset the field provides exactly the type of 'Green Infrastructure' that Chris Blandford & Associates noted was notably lacking from Heathfield. They recently reported that “Communities within Heathfield have limited access to larger accessible natural greenspace at the county and sub-regional scales. “

The unique visual amenity provided by the field to local residents has been noted by the CPRE, AONB Unit Joint Advisory Committee and Natural England. They state that it provides some of the finest views across the Rother Valley to Mayfield, Fives Ashes, Goudhurst and beyond. It has qualities of 'remoteness' and 'wildness' and is a place where one feels in touch with Nature and feels a sense of peace and tranquility.

d. Over what period is this main use of the asset anticipated to continue?

Our group would like to see the fields retained as a community asset for public use in perpetuity with a minimum term of 50 years.

e. Does the local community have legal and authorised use of the land or property?

**Yes**

**No**

**B3. Questions for assets not currently used for community benefit**

a. If the main use of the asset does not currently further the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community, did it do so at some stage in the recent past?

**Yes**

**No**

b. Please explain how the asset was used in the past and dates of this usage

c. How do you anticipate that the asset would return to furthering the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?

d. When do you consider that the asset could realistically return to furthering the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community?

**B4. Owner and occupier details (Please provide all information available to you)**

	Name	Address	
<b>Owner/s</b>	Alision Claire Reilly Amy Claire Reilly  Andrew George Howie	Cripps Farm, Padgham Lane, Dallington, Heathfield TN21 9ND  South Lodge, Heathfield Park, Heathfield TN21 8RL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Last known <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
<b>Lawful occupiers</b>	As above	As above	<input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Last known <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
<b>Holder/s of freehold estate (if not the owner)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Last known <input type="checkbox"/> Not known
<b>Holder/s of any leasehold estate</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Last known <input type="checkbox"/> Not known

**B5. Further information**

This information will help us to consider the nomination (it is not essential to answer these questions but they reflect part of the criteria which will be used to consider the nomination). Any information you can supply will help to speed up this process.

a. Is the asset used wholly or partly as a residence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please provide details.
b. Is the asset covered by the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please provide details.
c. Is the asset defined as operational land under section 263 of the Town and Country planning Act 1990, owned by statutory undertakers such as utility companies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please provide details.

- d. Please provide any further information to support why you feel that Wealden District Council should conclude that the asset is of 'community value'

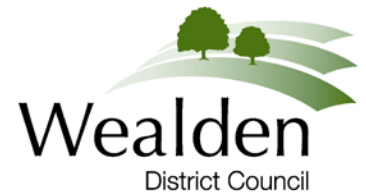
The fields currently provide the community with an increasingly rare open space that is being enjoyed in many different ways:

- \* For walking and access to many other footpaths and community assets such as the Millennium Green and Cuckoo Trail.
- \* As a meditative space to provide respite from the rush of the modern world.
- \* As a unique view point over the Rother Valley and the High Weald AONB.

The community already hugely values what is a de-facto asset. This is evidenced by the number of paths that criss-cross it and the number of people in our community who can testament to have been enjoying the field for many years.

It would be a tragic loss to the community if the valuable amenity this field is providing was lost, particularly as Heathfield is notably lacking in large accessible public green spaces.

# Wealden District Council Assets of Community Value Nomination



By signing your name here (if submitting by post) or typing it (if submitting electronically) you are confirming that the contents of this form are correct, to the best of your knowledge.

## Signature

Sarah Bushnell

(If submitting electronically please print name)

## Date

1st July 2017

**Please send your completed form to:**

**Community Right to Bid  
Wealden District Council  
Vicarage Lane  
Hailsham  
BN27 2AX**

**Email: [crtb@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:crtb@wealden.gov.uk)**

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## Part C - Core personal information and equalities monitoring questions

### A bit about you

We want to make sure that everyone who uses our services is treated equally and that our services are provided fairly. The information collected helps us to get a picture of who contacts us, uses or does not access our services and will help us to improve what we provide and reduce the potential barriers to access.

Please answer the questions below by ticking the boxes that you feel most describes you. Some questions may feel personal, but any information that you give will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be used only to help us to improve our services. It will not be linked to you as an individual. You do not have to fill this in but it will help us if you do.

### Sex

**What is your sex?**

- Male
- Female
- Other (please describe)
- Prefer not to say

### Age

**What is your age?**

- 17 and under
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 and over
- Prefer not to say

## Disability

### **Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?**

A disability is an impairment that has (or is likely to have) a substantial (more than minor), adverse long-term (more than a year) effect on the ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Yes       No       Prefer not to say

### **If you have answered 'yes', please tick the box ('s) that best describe your impairment(s).**

This information helps us improve access and remove barriers to our services.

- Hearing e.g. profound to mild deafness
- Communication, e.g. speech
- Visual, e.g. blind or partial sighted
- Mobility or physical, e.g. walking, dexterity
- Long-term illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic asthma, epilepsy, cardiovascular conditions, sickle cell anaemia, motor neurone disease
- Learning e.g. downs syndrome, dyslexia
- Mental Health, e.g. schizophrenia, depression
- Social or behavioural, e.g. due to neuro diverse conditions such as autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's syndrome
- Other (please describe)
- Prefer not to say

Thank you - by completing this form you are helping us to ensure that our services are fair and open to all.

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