

Decision Notice ACVNF72 Cherry Orchard Playing Field (including football and cricket pitches, Sarah Jayne Memorial play area, changing room block, public toilets, gym area and MUGA), Herne.

The nomination of Cherry Orchard Playing Field, (including football and cricket pitches, Sarah Jayne Memorial play area, changing room block, public toilets, gym area and MUGA), Canterbury Lane, Herne, CT6 7HD, for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value was received on 1 May 2025, from Michele Nicholson, Parish Clerk, Herne Parish Council.

The authority for the decision on whether an asset is suitable for inclusion in the list has been formally delegated to me by elected members. I have consulted all relevant colleagues. The task is to establish whether:

- the nomination is from an organisation which is eligible to make the nomination, **and**
- in the council's opinion, the current use of the land furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, **and**
- in the council's opinion, it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use which will further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The site nominated is registered under two title numbers:

- K154706, – PROPRIETOR: CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL of 14 Rose Lane Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2UR.

And

- TT9859, - PROPRIETOR: HERNE AND BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL of Parish office, Herne Mill, Mill Lane, Herne Bay, CT6 7DR

Nomination - For the purposes of the Act the nomination must be made by a Community Body with a local connection. I am satisfied that Herne Parish Council is eligible to nominate.

Applying the legislative 'test' - The statutory test needs to be applied to the building marked on the enclosed map.

It is the council's opinion that CHERRY Orchard Playing Field, (including football and cricket pitches, Sarah Jayne Memorial play area, changing room block, public toilets, gym area and MUGA) all enable an important part of the test. 'Social well-being and interests' are defined as being land and buildings that are currently, have been or will be used (in particular) for cultural, recreational or sporting interests.

In addition, there should be:

- a) Broad and inclusive use of the land or building(s) across the community, or
- b) Use by a section of the community that would not otherwise be provided for or is under-provided for in the locality e.g. elderly people, children, religious or cultural groups, sporting groups.

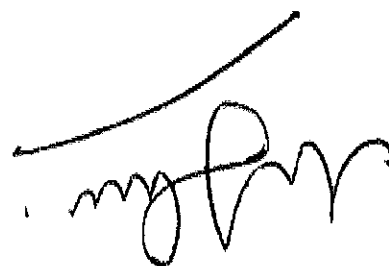
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As the nomination states, this area represents important recreational space for the community for exercise, dog walking, playing football, local schools and the site holds the annual Community Fun Day.

The nomination also references the current £30,000 refurbishment of the MUGA area by the Parish Council, with a new surface, basketball hoops and fencing and gate being provided. This will enable its continued community use into the future.

It is reasonable to think that the areas of Cherry Orchard Playing Field, (including football and cricket pitches, Sarah Jayne Memorial play area, changing room block, public toilets, gym area and MUGA) will therefore continue to contribute to the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community in future.

Conclusion - In conclusion, the council's decision is that Cherry Orchard Playing Field, (including football and cricket pitches, Sarah Jayne Memorial play area, changing room block, public toilets, gym area and MUGA), Herne, is registered as an Asset of Community Value and this information will be placed on the List of Community Assets, which is published on the council's website.



Bill Hicks, Director of Place