

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge Funding Case Study

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**Furness Community Organising
Green Space, High Peak**

**Owned by High Peak Borough
Council**



**Successful applicant:
£1,000 QEII County
Grants seed funding to
kick-start regeneration
of field.**

Getting the green heart going

Nestled in the high peaks, Furness Vale is a village of 1500. Their local green space is vital for their community to have somewhere to appreciate the outdoors but also as a focus for their community activities. The only other spaces available to local people are a tennis court, bowling green and a very small children's park which is situated next to the busy A6.

QEII Fields Challenge opens funding doors

Since 2008, COGS have held an annual event to raise money for the field. In 2011 they realised the QEII Fields Challenge not only meant that all the community's hard work on their local space would never be lost, they could also access over £1million in funds available exclusively for QEII Fields. Every year they have a Field Day at which all local groups exhibit or provide entertainment.



Community consultation

Petitions and consultations were carried out with the residents with an interactive yurt-based arts session for kids to decide how the park should be set up. Aided by a talented local artist the children made their own works of art to represent what they would like to have in the park.



With Fields in Trust's funding, COGs have taken the first step towards reaching their target of a useable, pleasant space for the whole community. Without FIT funding and the QEII Fields Challenge Furness Vale's green dream would not be taking shape.

Please play on the grass!

