

# NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

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# Purpose

The National Playing Fields Association is an independent organisation which is working to ensure the availability, protection and development of high quality, well used local facilities for outdoor sport, play and recreation for the benefit and enjoyment of all communities



# Background

- Founded in 1925
- Non-profit making charitable organisation
- Registered Charity No: 306070
- Offices in Cardiff, London, Coventry and Edinburgh



# Core Work

- Protection of recreational land-acre a day by 2010
- Protection through ownership, deeds of dedication and covenants-156 in Wales
- Owain Glyndwr Fields
- Campaigning about the importance of open space
- Promote recommendations of Six-Acre Standard
- Technical services and advice



# Objectives

- Ensure that everyone has somewhere close to their homes for sport, play and informal recreation
- Increase the amount of land protected and prevent current land from being built upon
- Improve the standard of recreation facilities
- Offer advice and guidance on sport and recreation



## Since its formation in 1998, NPFA Cymru has...

- Increased the amount of protected land
- Campaigned for greater protection of recreational space
- Collected information on playing fields under threat and the numbers of play areas
- Provided advice and guidance for fields managers



## By 2010, NPFA Cymru aims to have...

- Protected and improved more recreational space
- Been chosen by the National Assembly for Wales to safeguard the nation's sport and play facilities
- Achieved greater protection of playing fields through the planning process
- Persuaded the National Assembly for Wales to keep a record of school playing fields lost and introduce minimum standards for under 8's



## NPFA Cymru and 'Climbing Higher'

- *Target 8*

*All public sector employees and three quarters of all other employees will have access to sport and physical activity facilities, at or within a 10 minute walk of the workplace*

- *Target 12*

*No one should live more than a six minute walk (300m) from their nearest natural green space*

