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Fields in Trust – Queen Elizabeth II Challenge 2012.

Do you value your St Cleer Parish Sports Field?

Would you appreciate the provision of additional facilities on the site?

If so we need you to vote for its selection on the following web-site:

[Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge 2012 - www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com)

Further to the article “A sporting challenge” in the September / October 2011 issue of the Granite Post, the Parish Council has submitted an application for the St Cleer Parish Sports Field at Hockings House, to be nominated as a Queen Elizabeth II Field. If successful, this will allow the council to apply for improvement grants that are exclusively available to those fields selected.

As a permanent living legacy to the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, the aim of the challenge is to safeguard hundreds of outdoor recreational spaces in perpetuity for future generations and for the benefit of communities across the country.

The number of playing fields in the country is in decline: In 1992 there were 26,000 recreational fields; due to many of these being sold off for redevelopment by councils and other owners, there were only 20,000 remaining in 2009 (A reduction of 6,000). The object of the scheme is to reverse this trend.

The St Cleer Parish Sports Field has been nominated, not only to give access to improvement funds but also to demonstrate a commitment to the preservation of outdoor recreational spaces. If selected, the use of this valuable Parish asset will be restricted to that of a permanent public open space and it will have to remain in recreational use for ever. However, nomination does not guarantee selection as this will depend on the support of the public, who have been invited to vote for the fields that they value. Currently, within 20 miles of the parish, 5 other fields have been nominated.

You can vote for your Sports Field on line. The ballot is open for one month only from the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011. If you have not done so already, please visit the web-site below and cast your vote for our sports field. Selection is only a few clicks away.

Go to web site: [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com)

Click on the tab: “Save a space for me”

Enter your post code in the box and click on the “magnifying glass”

Select “St Cleer Parish Sports Field”

Click on the “Vote” button.

Thank you for your cooperation.