



Helping communities make good space for sport and play

### OPFA Membership – Come and join us

It has long been recognised that good quality local outdoor recreational spaces can enhance people's quality of life. While it has been shown that people will use attractive well-run spaces, they are put off getting out and being active, if their local spaces are below expectation.

The OPFA is here to help the community-minded people in the parishes (mostly volunteers), who manage local spaces like playing fields, children's play areas and multi-purpose hard surfaces, to make them the best quality that they can. We also aim to make the task of outdoor recreational space provision and management as easy as possible.

In particular, during the recent pandemic, advice on how to provide and manage local spaces in line with COVID19-safe good practice has been vital. We have made sure that we scrutinise the latest Government guidance on open space opening and management and have issued practical information and advice to help the local communities that we serve understand how to proceed.

As and when communities feel able to think about aiming for new or improved facilities, we can provide information and advice on needs assessments, sources of funding and successful project management.

For a membership fee of **£74:00**, your Council can access the following free services:

- email and phone advice on any aspect of the management of green spaces and the development of new facilities
- access to technical information sheets
- regular updates on changing legislation, government advice; and funding opportunities
- an initial site visit to assess the quality of your open spaces and to help shape any plans you may have for development
- emailed topical e-news and bulletins
- discounts on fees for attending OPFA events

If you would like any further information, please contact us via the OPFA office:  
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#### OPFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of organisation .....

We would like to join OPFA and enclose/have paid by BACS\* the fee of **£74:00**. \* Delete, as applicable

Do you require a receipt? Yes / No .....

Contact name .....

Position in Organisation.....

Address .....

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Tel. No ..... Email address .....

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## What does membership give you access to free of charge?

- Information sheets covering a wide range of topics to help with the management of your space
- Support & advice on:
  - Funding opportunities and help with the preparation of a case to funders
  - Standards and legislation affecting play and sporting facilities
  - Consulting with your community
  - Projects to provide new or improved outdoor playing space facilities
  - Skate parks and wheeled sports facilities
  - A wide range of suppliers and manufacturers
  - Project management
  - What to do if your local outdoor playing space is threatened with development
  - Managing a charitable playing field
  - Maintenance and inspection routines
- Emailed news direct to your email box
- Signposting to examples of other successful projects, with local people to contact
- A site visit to help with any management issues; ideas for future development or any other aspect that may be causing you concern

**If you would like to join us, cheques should be made payable to the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. For BACS payments: NatWest A/c no: 08247455. Sort code: 54-21-23 Account name: Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association**

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

#### **Towns and Parishes:**

Population 0-1,500 .....£42.00

Population 1,501—4,000.....£53.00

Population 4,001—10,000 .....£74.00

Population 10,001—20,000 ..£163.00

Population over 20,000 .....£268.00

**Voluntary Organisations** .....£32.00

*OPFA is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy and will only use your information to administer your membership and to communicate with you. Information will not be shared with any other organisation and we will keep your details safe and secure. If you change your mind at any time and wish your membership and information to be deleted, please contact us.*