

Padfield charity secures funding for new community green space.

Local charity Padfield Community Spaces is delighted to be one of eighty-five projects awarded funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's 'Community Ownership Fund'. Their project will transform a field at the centre of the village into a new community green space.

The COF grant will enable the charity to complete the purchase of the land, carry out an environmental assessment, and start to safely open up the area to the local community. The charity has been working hard over the last few years to secure funding and is delighted to finally be able to bring the area into community ownership, and begin managing the land for the enjoyment of local people and visitors, for generations to come.

Pete Tomlin, chairperson of the charity said *'We are delighted to have secured this funding, which is the culmination of four years of work. I'd like to thank our hardworking volunteers and our local residents for their support and patience. We're all excited to move into the next phase of the project, to start delivering on the community's vision for the site'*.

POGS Ltd (Padfield Open Green Spaces) - the current temporary owners of the field said: *"We are absolutely delighted that the Community Ownership Fund has approved Padfield Community Space's bid for funds to purchase the field on Temple Street. We are very appreciative of the hard work by members of PCS and others to achieve this success.*

The money from the Community Ownership Fund, together with several donations, will enable Padfield Community Spaces to purchase the field from POGS Ltd for the village."

Cllr Ollie Cross said *'Im absolutely thrilled that Padfield Community Spaces has been successful in their bid to the Community Ownership Fund. This incredible achievement will safeguard the field at the heart of*

the village, ensuring it remains a valued space for our community for generations to come. Well done to everyone involved in making this happen - it is a testament to all of your hard work over the past few years!

The charity will now work on completing the purchase of the land and initial work to open up the site to the community. More information can be found on www.padfieldspaces.com

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