

Twyford Children's Recreation Ground

Constitution of Trust

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A long felt and much needed want in Twyford has been a recreation Ground for the children and it was therefore with great interest that the Managers of the C.E. School learnt that the plot of land, nearly 2 acres in extent, lying between the School and Finch's Lane, the property of the Shipley Trustees and formerly let as allotments, was in the market for sale, and they decided to make a determined effort to secure the ground and so prevent the sole remaining open space in the village from being built over.

It was ascertained that the price asked for it was £675 but, after some negotiation, Mr. Mordaunt Shipley, considering the object for which it was sought to obtain the land, agreed to accept £450, generously regarding the difference in price as his personal contribution to the scheme, as Lord of the Manor, and further consented to allow an optional period of four months for the completion of the transaction.

An appeal to the Parish by the School Managers to subscribe the money required met with a most successful response and the purchase was completed on 3rd October 1935.

The land was vested in the Trustees of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch of the National Playing Fields Association as a Recreation Ground for the Twyford children and named Ballard Close after a family of well-known former parishioners, whose interest in the village are now represented by Miss Bayford, a most generous contributor to the financing of the scheme.

The Trustees will be represented by three Local Administrators, viz.- The Vicar, Major Duncan Lewis and Captain Basil Gotto, who will be responsible for the management of the ground and who are to furnish the Trustees with a Report on the arrangements at the end of each year.

Under the conditions laid down by the Trustees, the Local Administrators have power to close the ground for twelve days, but not for more than four days at a time, each year, for letting it for special purposes such as fetes, flower shows, etc., either with or without payment.

An Account in the name of the Twyford Children's Recreation Ground has been opened with the Winchester Branch of the Westminster Bank, to be operated by any two of the Local Administrators.

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