



## Hythe Green Preservation Society

Hythe Green Newsletter

### Hythe Green protected from future development!

On November 5, Hythe Town Council voted unanimously to adopt Hythe Green Preservation Society's proposal to protect the Green from any future building and development.

As a result, the Green will now be placed under the protection of the charity Fields in Trust ([fieldsintrust.org](http://fieldsintrust.org)) This organisation exists to support parks and green spaces by protecting them 'in perpetuity'. Founded in 1925, they are currently working with 2870 parks and spaces throughout the UK and work in partnership with landowners to protect land through binding legal commitments, securing spaces for current and future generations to enjoy.

We've been reminded of the threats in recent years with a number of building plans which looked likely to destroy the peace and our free access to the Green. This important vote helps to safeguard the future for the Green and for the people of Hythe.

Hythe Green Preservation Society will now work with Fields in Trust and Hythe Town Council to secure the Green's future. We will continue to update our **facebook** page and website, but please feel free to talk to us at any time about what's happening – we're always around and about on the Green!

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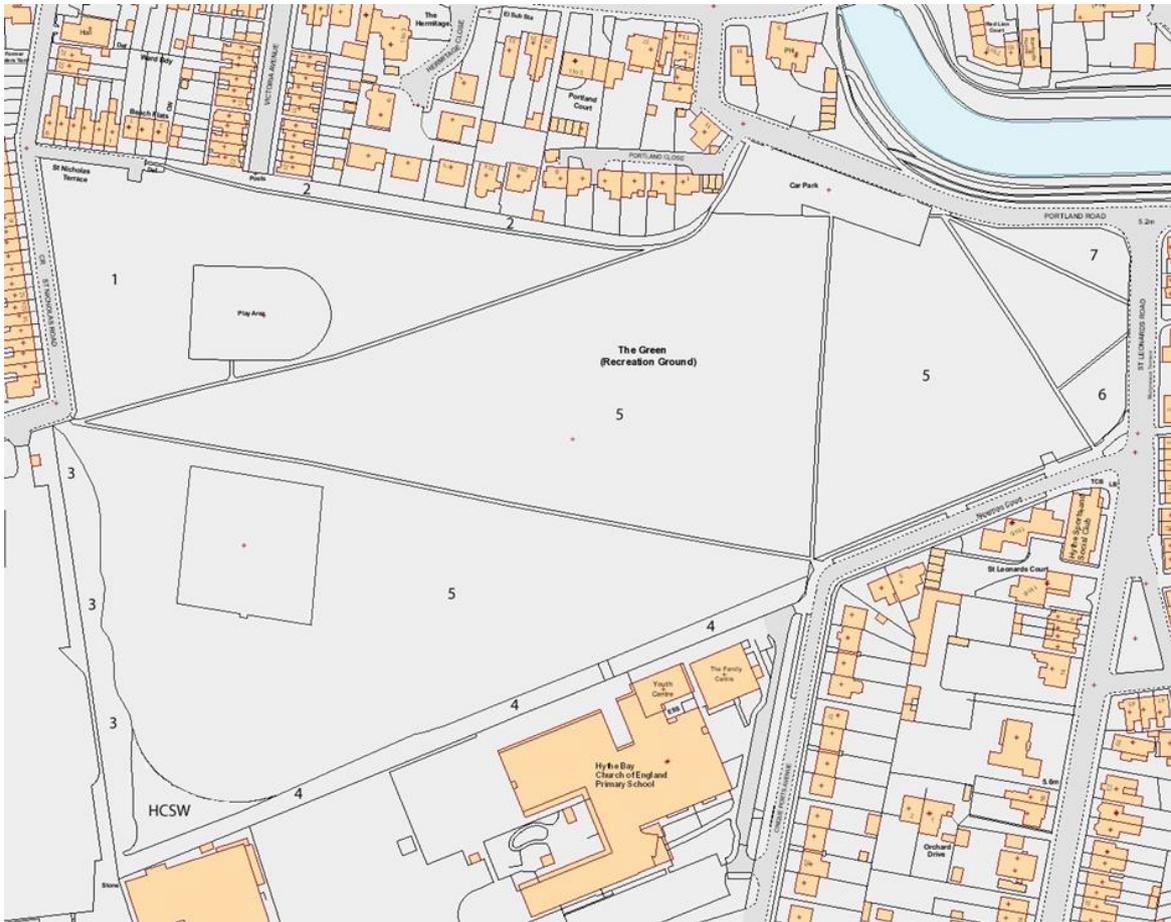
**Please remember:**

[www.hythegreen.org.uk](http://www.hythegreen.org.uk)

**facebook:** Hythe Green Preservation Society

Hythe Green Preservation Society will hold its Annual General Meeting in March 2021. Further details to be given nearer to the time. Membership renewals due at that time.

## Our vision for the Green in 2021



Hythe Green Preservation Society will continue to carry out the Hythe Green Management Plan ([link](#)) agreed with Hythe Town Council. This covers continuing improvements on the southern boundary (4) which runs beside the school as well as the opening of a new woodland walk along the western edge of the Green (3).

Plans for Winter 2020:

- Now that we have cleared the treeline of the southern boundary we will plant a hedge of native bushes to screen the school and cover the metal fencing.
- Cut away ivy from the trees to give them a new lease of life.
- Continue to remove and clear away all rubble.
- Relocate all the logs to the woodland as insect sanctuaries.



*Clearing the southern boundary and preparing wood bark paths in the woodland walk.*

## **Green Day**

We're planning to do at least some of these things on our first **Hythe Green Day**. (Saturday, 5 December, 10am – we will need helpers; come and join us on the day). It's an opportunity for everyone to get involved. We'll be giving further details nearer to the time on our facebook page and also on our website. Come along, make new friends and support your Green!

## **Hythe Hops on the Green!**

We are working with Hythe Hops (part of the Hythe Environmental Community Group ([www.hytheenvironmental.community](http://www.hytheenvironmental.community))) to see if we can plant hops on the Green, which would usefully contribute to the production of ale by local brewers.

## Plans for 2021

Some more ideas we are keen to put into place over the next twelve months:

Northern boundary (2) Create a sustainable wildflower border. We're going to approach this in two ways. One, to work with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust in selected sections and to develop with them a wildflower mix and planting schedule. Two, working from a soil sample, directly to seed other sections with an appropriate wildflower mix.

- Hythe Green Preservation Society will seek agreement with Hythe Town Council to create No Cut areas along this border and also on the Green itself to help develop a wider diversity of indigenous plants. Specifically –

- a) to maintain an unmown strip along this northern boundary. Also,

- b) along the woodland (southern boundary/4) to encourage diversification of the woodland fringe (as mentioned in the Kent Wildlife Report 2017).

- c) develop a wildflower and No Cut area in the north eastern corner of the Green (7) at the intersection of St Leonards Road and Portland Road.

- d) work with Hythe Town Council to leave a large patch of grass on the Green to naturalise and see what plants are growing naturally.

- Eastern boundary with St Leonards Road (6) This is an elm copse and represents a rare opportunity to protect and develop an attractive recreational space. Hythe Green Preservation Society has already started to clear away lower limbs from trees in order to encourage a lighter and more pleasant space. We would also like to succession-plant further mature elm trees. Maybe we can put in a bench and table here?

- Following the successful clearing of the southern boundary (4) beside the school, we believe that there could be room for up to five benches to be placed in the newly created bays and set back into the tree line. These attractive positions would be available for sponsorship in just the same way as the other benches in the town and along the seafront.

- General - We hope to continue to work with volunteers throughout the year in weeding and to continue with the planting along the boundaries in order to enhance the diversity of the area.