



## ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION FORM

If you need assistance completing this form, then please refer to the guidance document which can be downloaded from the website [www.york.gov.uk/assetsofcommunityvalue](http://www.york.gov.uk/assetsofcommunityvalue) or alternatively call 01904 553360.

### Section 1

#### About the property to be nominated

Name of Property:	Holgate Community Garden and Play Park Unique asset ID: E00062/B01 Unique Property Reference Number: 200004776489
Address of Property:	Upper St Pauls Terrace, York
Postcode:	YO24 4BS

Property Owner's Name:	Land in public ownership (Freehold owned by Council)
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone Number:	
Current Occupier's Name:	Community land/asset

### Section 2

#### About your community organisation

Name of Organisation:	Friends of Holgate Community Garden
Title:	Mr
First Name:	David
Surname:	Barrett
Position in Organisation:	Member (acting on behalf of the Friends of Holgate Park Group)
Email Address:	Group email: <a href="mailto:friends-of-holgate-garden-committee@googlegroups.com">friends-of-holgate-garden-committee@googlegroups.com</a>
Address:	54 St Pauls Terrace, York
Postcode:	YO24 4BJ
Telephone Number:	Home: 01904 613233

#### Organisation type:

*Click in field for options*

#### Organisation size

How many members do you have?

### Section 3

#### Supporting information for nomination

Any information entered in this section only may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating. Definition of an asset of community value can be found in the guidance document.

Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value? Please give as much information as possible.

Holgate Community Garden and Play Park is a green haven for inner city dwellers in York, in particular Holgate residents. For many local residents, this is their only garden; a central point for exercising, gardening and socialising. Residents in this part of Holgate have tiny yards that are not suitable for exercising children or pets. The garden and basketball court are therefore well loved and actively used on a daily basis by families, dog walkers, picnickers, urban explorers, gardening enthusiasts and other groups.

The Community Garden was established in 2011 in what was a quite neglected area with unused flower beds and regular rubbish deposits. The creation of Holgate Community Garden, by Julie Fern (a local resident), galvanised the local community into action to transform this space into a beautiful, tranquil site filled with flowers, vegetables and well cared for play equipment.

The local residents have generously invested large sums of their own time and money in this project and carried out the work as a collective team. The result has been a transformation. It is now a beautiful place that residents are proud of and use daily with great enthusiasm.

The trees that surround and form part of Holgate Community Garden and Play Park are protected by 16 Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and species of tree include: Sycamore, Rowan, Himalayan Birch and Whitebeam, which is not commonly found outside formal gardens & parks. The green space is also home to wildlife and acts as corridor for wildlife that utilise green and unmanaged wild areas. Evidence of this can be seen at night when the areas nocturnal animals emerge. Bats are resident in the area of the Community Garden and Play Park and have been observed by many local people. In addition, residents have seen: squirrels, hedgehogs, woodpeckers, slow-worms to name just a few examples. The flourishing Community Garden attracts many insects including bees and dragonflies.


The Community Garden is part of the Edible York movement, and this extract from the Edible York website entry for Holgate Community Garden gives a feel for the type of fruit, vegetables and flowers that are grown there:

*"We have six raised beds, one dedicated to herbs and black and red currants, another filled principally with edible flowering plants: giant globes artichokes, dwarf sunflowers, and bergamot (but also with supremely pollinator friendly flowers, such as Allium sphaerocephalon, Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve', and Knautia 'Melton Pastels'). In the four remaining beds in this, our first season, we have grown a mix of edible flowers and fruit and vegetables: peas, strawberries, broad beans, spinach, lettuces, chives, Nasturtiums, calendulas, violas, dwarf purple French beans, runner beans (grown up a teepee with heavily scented heirloom sweet peas), beetroot, purple sprouting broccoli, radishes, rainbow chard, the fabulous custard white Zucchini, pumpkins, tomatoes, cut and come again lettuces, rocket, cauliflower, beetroot, curly kale, raspberries, celeriac, parsley, cilantro, borage..."*

The community garden and play area provides the neighbourhood's children with a safe, enclosed green space which many can access without crossing a road. For decades the park has been a fundamental space for play, where generations have grown up, learning independence and confidence due to it being encircled by a fence and wall. The basketball court is used regularly by St Paul's Primary School and Out-of-School Club for physical education and forest school sessions throughout the year. This surface is perfect for children learning to walk, run, ride a bicycle and roller skate. On occasions it has also been used as a giant canvas for outdoor chalks, promoting creativity, imagination and role-play.

#### Section 4 Boundary of Property

What do you consider to be the boundary of the property? Please give as much detail/be as descriptive as possible. Please include a plan.



The boundary marks the land in public ownership, which includes, a hard surface basketball court (marked as Play Area on the map), a community garden (comprises of large, raised, circular beds and borders) and children's play equipment (a seesaw, a climb on train with slide, and a climbing frame).

The land is recognised as an asset in the Council's asset register (last updated May 2016) and has the following asset identification numbers:  
 Unique asset ID: E00062/B01  
 Unique Property Reference Number: 200004776489

#### Section 5 Attachment checklist

- n/a Copy of group constitution (if you are a constituted group)
- YES Name and home address of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted)
- YES Site boundary plan (if possible)

#### Section 6 Declaration

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this nomination form is complete and accurate.

Signed:

David Barrett

Dated: 24.07.2016

Please e-mail your completed form to [property.services@york.gov.uk](mailto:property.services@york.gov.uk) or post to:  
 Asset and Property Management  
 City of York Council  
 West Offices

Station Rise  
York  
YO1 6GA

The names and home address of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted) are as follows:

Name	Address
David Barrett	54 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BJ
Laura Barrett	54 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BJ
Paul Scott	50 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Alison Mawson	50 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Andy Fern	55 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BJ
Julie Fern	55 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BJ
Benjamin Hall	22 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Davina Moher	22 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Linda Sofie Edon	14 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Daniel Edon	14 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Annabel Jelley	36 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Andy Richardson	78 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Kathryn Richardson	78 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Simon Graysmark	34 Cleveland Street, York, YO21 4BS
Ruby Alice Graysmark	34 Cleveland Street, York, YO21 4BS
Christopher Robert Barrett	26 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BL
Jeffrey Morris	40 St. Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BJ
Rachel Foster	15 Cleveland Street, York, YO24 4BS
Jack Painter	24 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BL
Fabian Seymour	22 Railway Terrace, York, YO24 4BN
Madeleine Mossman	67 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Sally McClean	41 Wilton Rise, York, YO24 4BT
Regan van der Werff	15 St Pauls Terrace, York, YO24 4BL

The growth in community that Holgate Community Garden and Play Park has engendered has been the resounding surprising success of the project. The park is now played in daily by neighbourhood children who delight in helping with watering and planting and especially in picking their own fresh peas and strawberries; a place where adults come to relax with a book in the sun.

Photos of Holgate Community Garden and Play Park, courtesy of York Stories:



Photos of Holgate Community Garden and Play Park, some of which were recently taken at a community basketball event (July 2016):



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