

**APPLICATION FOR ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE
WILTSHIRE COUNCIL - ACV/2026/00002
OPEN GREEN SPACE OF LAND TO THE NORTHEAST OF 31 HILLTOP
WAY SALISBURY SP1 3QY**

We, the undersigned would like to support the above ACV Application as members of the Unincorporated Group (Friends of Hilltop Way), to nominate the asset of being of especial value to our community.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The site is an open green space of mown grass with mature deciduous trees and shrubs; bordered on one side by a Bridle Path right of way alongside Castle Hill Country Park – and the cul de sac road serving the dwellings.

Whilst the land has been reportedly up for sale and reputedly sold to a private body; we are not alone in believing that the area is/was the property of Salisbury District Council. Particularly given that for 43 years it has been mowed, maintained and recognised by the Council as an area of public amenity.

In addition, the Wessex Water regularly use and maintain a concrete road that bisects the land in question, as the sole access to their adjacent Water Reservoir and Aerial installation.

Local feeling embraces the retention of the mature trees, to which end there is a separate application for appropriate Tree Preservation Orders. Together with the hedgerow boundary to the Bridle Path, they both support much wildlife and a thriving bird population.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE USAGE

For forty-three years this open green space has been of value to the local community, used by adults and children alike for recreation and play in the recent past. It is the only local open green playing space, as opposed to the specific purpose of the adjacent and enclosed nature Country Park and Walk.

Picnics, cricket, racquet sports and football games have been enjoyed by families over the years – social opportunities which we would like to continue! Two of the last Queen's Jubilee Events were celebrated on the green by two very large and successful Street Parties, resulting in a coming together of friends and neighbours. Dispensing with the need for a Road Closure, this is the obvious local area for such events.

The mature horse chestnut trees afford local children to collect conkers; St Marks School pupils regularly use the area for rest, safety and tuition whilst undergoing Cycle Proficiency Training locally.

Clearly, social cohesion and well-being is both nurtured and improved through utilising this much loved and well used space.

Please consider this bid to nominate this asset for listing, to enable us, as current users, to continue to enjoy this social asset together with the community in the future. Thank you.

Mr R. A Curtis.

Mrs J.D.M.Curtis.

11/02/2026.