

AN APPEAL FOR A RECREATION GROUND FOR EYNSHAM

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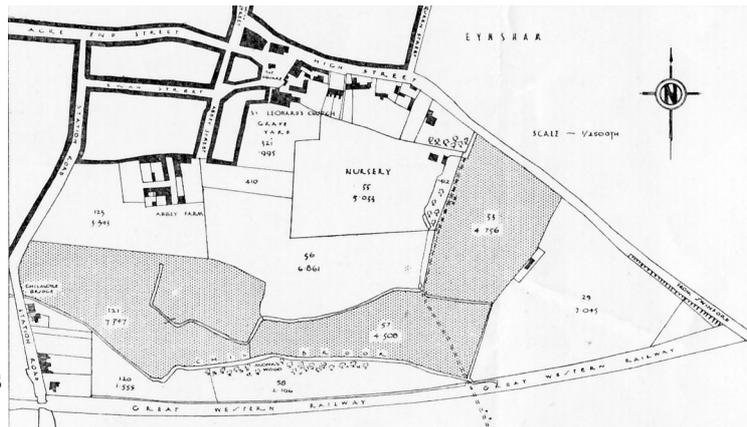
1. The ancient town of Eynsham has a growing population of over 1700 people. The streets in the old part of the town are very congested, and the children have no safe place in which to play.
2. For some considerable time the need of a children's playground and of a sports field has been widely felt, but the matter has now become very urgent, because in 1936 the Witney Joint Town Planning Committee placed a proposal for the site of a Recreation Ground adjoining the By-Pass Road in their scheme for Eynsham.

This site, however, was not approved by an Eynsham Parish Meeting called to discuss the proposal on February 17th, 1936. The Eynsham Parish Council was then requested to seek another site which would be generally acceptable.

A committee appointed by the Parish Council for this purpose, after considerable investigation, reported that the three fields, generally known as Monkswood, were available on certain conditions. At a Parish Meeting held on April 28th, 1937, it was resolved by a large majority of Parochial Electors that this property should be acquired as a Children's Playground and Sports Field by a Voluntary (i.e. not rate-aided) Scheme.

3. The property provides a safe and convenient playground for the children and affords ample accommodation for Tennis, Hockey, Cricket and Football. In addition there are natural possibilities for an excellent bathing and swimming pool.

As can be seen from the accompanying sketch map, the property has approaches both from Station Road and Oxford Road and is thus easily accessible from all parts of the town.



4. The property, comprising seventeen acres, belongs to the trustees of the late Dr. Smallhorn who are willing to sell only as a whole.
5. The price asked is £800.
6. A committee representative of all the organizations of Eynsham has been formed to promote the scheme.
7. This committee met on September 21st and on the advice of Mr. R. B. Cole, decided to proceed under an Act of Parliament of 1859, which, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners, gives the Trustees of a Public Recreation Ground certain powers such as the making and enforcement of by-laws.
8. It is proposed that contributors of any amount shall have a vote in the appointment of the first Trustees and that future appointments shall be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.
9. The committee issues this appeal confident that it will meet with a generous response from all inhabitants and friends of Eynsham. The Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association have already promised a grant of 5 per cent on all contributions.