

# WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA C

**ADDRESS** King George V Playing Fields

**POST CODE** CO7 9DY

**WARD**

Cross

Quay

**CONSERVATION AREA**

YES

NO

**MAP REFERENCE** TM 036218

**PHOTOGRAPH**

YES

NO

**DATE OF ASSET** Acquired 1935

**TYPE OF ASSET** Building Group **Landscape** Vista Item Other (please specify)

**DESCRIPTION**

Playing fields with children's playground. Formerly grounds of Wivenhoe Hall. It contains mature trees including a holm oak.

**HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS**

The land was bought by the Council for £750, partly by public subscription and on 28 July 1935 the King George V Playing Fields were formally opened. See the photo below of a demonstration demanding children's playground facilities before the opening,

**RESEARCH SOURCES**

Butler, N. *The Story of Wivenhoe* (1989) p244 contains photo of the opening ceremony.  
 'King George Fields Community Awareness Study 2000', Colchester Library Local Studies, E796  
 Thompson, P. *Sea-change: Wivenhoe Remembered* (2006), p97



PHOTOGRAPH BY Joan Sawyer, April 2011. Historical photo (1935) from John Stewart's collection.

**CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE**

- ARCHITECTURAL VALUE**      A++ (very high)                      A+ (good)  
 T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)  
 ?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)
- HISTORIC VALUE**                      H++                      H+
- CONDITION**                      C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)  
 C+ (largely complete)  
 C (good or restorable)
- OTHER VALUES**                      I = iconic value    **H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands**  
 P = prominence    Q = quirkiness    R = local rarity    S = sustainability

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