

Protect a community asset – it's quick and easy

Parish councils can prevent any local building or land that is considered vital to local life from being sold without their knowledge, by using the **Community Right to Bid**. This includes assets such as community centres, cricket pitches, swimming pools, playgrounds, village shops, pubs and lots more.

If a building/land is listed as an **Asset of Community Value**, the parish council or other community organisation also have a **better chance to buy the building/land**.

What does this mean?

Listing a local building/land as an Asset of Community Value **means that**:

- 1.** If the building/land comes up for sale, the parish council or other community organisation **can bid to buy without any competition** for the first six months.
- 2.** A **powerful signal is sent to the owner** demonstrating that the building/land is important to the community.
- 3.** The nomination of the building/land could be taken into **consideration by planning authorities** when considering planning applications.

How do I do it?

All you need to do to nominate a building/land is **write to your local authority**.

You need to show that it currently, or in the past few years, has **furthered the social wellbeing of the community** and could realistically do so in the future. Most councils have a form on their website and should provide details of their procedures.

To find the form, go to your local authority's website and type in the search box "community right to bid" or "assets of community value". In the results you should see a dedicated webpage with the information and form.

If your search doesn't work then e-mail your local authority's customer service team and ask for details of their procedures. The law requires that local authorities have a procedure in place and maintain a record of asset nominations.

What happens next?

Your local authority has **8 weeks** to decide whether the nominated building/land furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the local community, and whether it can continue to do so in the future.

Once the building/land is successfully listed as an Asset of Community Value, if the building/land is put up for sale, you as the parish council will be informed. You will also have the **opportunity to bid to buy it**. If your bid is accepted you will have six months to raise the money.

For more information [click here](#).

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