



Shared Assets

unrivalled experience and expertise in the development of new models for parks and public open spaces.

About Shared Assets

Shared Assets is a social enterprise think and do tank. Our mission is to make land work for everyone. We do this by: providing practical advice, support and training to landowners and communities who want to manage land as a sustainable and productive asset, and undertaking research, policy and advocacy work to help create an environment where common good models of land management can flourish.

We have over 5 years' experience in supporting groups to take on and manage assets, including;

- As a partner in the [Community Ownership and Management of Assets programme](#) (2015/16) we supported a number of new and existing community organisations to take on parks and associated buildings as part of asset transfer processes
- Carrying out options appraisals and feasibility studies for various individual sites such as West Reservoir in Hackney and Elvaston Castle and Country Park in Derbyshire
- Working with local authorities to carry out options appraisals and feasibility for park management in [Lambeth](#), [Camden](#) and Barnet

Examples of previous work

Our previous clients include local authorities, development corporations, the National Trust, the Forestry Commission, Locality, Community Development Foundation, Local Trust and numerous local land based community enterprises. We have also delivered programmes and projects supported by Tudor Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Examples of our work with communities includes:

Linking Place and Creativity, Limehouse Cut, London

We worked with the Landscape Interface Studio at Kingston University, and a range of local community and creative organisations, to develop a methodology to support them to collaborate to revitalise local spaces around London's oldest stretch of canal whilst retaining community control. This work included holding open public consultation sessions on a narrowboat and taking residents on a boat trip to engage them in thinking differently about this underused and undervalued space.

Southbourne Parish Council, West Sussex

We supported the Parish Council to develop proposals for a Green Ring around the area, to be created by and maintained by the local community to connect different green spaces and encourage education, fitness and wellbeing of the residents. We supported the Parish Council develop their proposals and to secure appropriate legal advice on ownership and management issues, and professional advice on land acquisition.

Tramway Museum Society, Derbyshire

We are currently commissioned by the Tramway Museum Society to review the governance and constitution of the organisation, and to make recommendations that will enable it to build on its successes and maximise its resilience, adaptability and entrepreneurialism. The work is part of an HLF Transition Fund project and has involved undertaking a range of interviews and meetings with staff and board members, as well as an extensive programme of regional workshops with members across the UK.

Vassall & Coldharbour Lane, London

Vassall and Coldharbour Forum is a partnership of different organisations in south London, who aim to create a more prosperous community. We supported them to develop a Community Economic Development Plan outlining how they would work with others in the local area to support people with good ideas in the community to set up projects and businesses.

Additional experience of supporting Community & Voluntary Organisations

We have provided support to numerous voluntary and community organisations, and to individuals looking to establish new groups and organisations to take on responsibilities for the management and governance of local land. These include:

- Friends of Abbey Gardens (London), to develop a 5 year action plan
- Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery (London), to develop a vision and business plan
- Incredible Edible Lambeth (London), to develop their approach to organising and decision making, and to support them in developing a business plan
- Wards Corner Community (London), worked with residents and stallholders to develop a vision for a local market and public open space
- Green Backyard (Peterborough), to agree their core purpose, develop a vision, and agree ways of working
- Raincliffe Woods (Scarborough), worked with the board to develop organisation's purpose, governance and business plan for the 800 acre council-owned site

“Advice to help us understand legislation and land is invaluable”

*“Time is short and Mark’s visit gave us exactly what we needed,
had the answers to all our questions”*

*“The ability of Shared Assets to do brokering, advice and expertise is amazing
and helps us in areas where we have the least expertise”*

We've also produced a number of reports in this area, such as; [Community Ownership and Management of parks and green spaces](#) and [communities transforming derelict land](#).

Contact

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