

# Burgess Hill Town Council

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Tree dedicated to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh**

In memory of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh who died earlier this year, Burgess Hill Town Council planted a tree at Folders Meadow Children's Play Area on Tuesday 14 December. The *Acer campestre* Field Maple was planted by Burgess Hill Town Mayor Councillor Anne Eves, along with fellow Town Councillors and the Town Council Maintenance Team. Flowers laid by residents to pay their respects at The Duke's passing were composted and used in the tree planting.

The Town Council keeps the children's play area clean and safe as a delegated function on behalf of Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association) of which HRH Prince Philip was President for 64 years. It was the first national charitable patronage that The Prince took on after he married HM The Queen.

The Fields in Trust champions and supports parks and green spaces by protecting them for people to enjoy in perpetuity.



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