

Batheaston Playground



Phase 2 of Playground re-development

A little bit of background....

The Batheaston Playground Working Group are pleased to present an update on plans for our village playground.

The Group, which comprises Parish Councillors and residents, has been very busy over the last year planning for phase 2 of the Playground Re-development.

Grant funding from Enovert meant that we had an exciting opportunity to provide new and exciting play equipment for the children of Batheaston.

Listening...

- The Working Group wanted to offer the opportunity for residents to participate in the development of the park by sharing views, providing opportunities to volunteer and by communicating plans.
- Nearly 100 people responded to a detailed about the park: how it is used, what is liked and not, and what is important.
- The highly successful 'Park Party Event' was held to create opportunities to engage with families and especially young residents and hear their ideas.



Decisions.....

The Working Group reviewed all the data from the Survey and the Park Event and concluded that:

- The Under 5's area is used with high frequency
- The Under 5's are regular users of the park
- The Under 5's equipment is tired and sits upon an overgrown bark surface
- The Under 5's area is in the most accessible position and so could offer the most in the way of inclusive play

The working concluded that development of the Under 5's area will best meet the needs of park users, enable the park to be more inclusive and demonstrate well the wider vision for the development of the park.

Out to Tender....

- Our consultation informed the Project Brief and we were able to invite experienced play installers to tender.
- We received three strong bids.
- The WG met to review each bid and evaluate them based on our scoring criteria.
- Creative Play provided the strongest bid, that met our brief in all ways and offered exceptional play value for our budget.



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Making the most of the money...

- To maximise the available funds and make the project as exciting as possible for families, the Working Group committed to undertaking as much of the preparatory and ground works themselves as possible.
- Creative Play have been supportive of this through extra meetings and site surveys
- The Working Group are incredibly grateful for the support of individuals, companies and volunteers for adding so much value to our playground project.

Thank You....

- Craig Brooks and colleagues at Future Positive for volunteering to remove the existing equipment and prepare the area
- Brandon Hire for providing site security and welfare facilities free of charge
- Davis AgriPlant for providing a digger free of charge
- MJ Church Foundation for providing two grab lorries free of charge
- Kellaway Building Supplies for discounted Geotextile
- Charlie at CWS Landscaping for undertaking the groundworks
- The whole Working Group for volunteering so much of their time and working so collaboratively

Action Plan...

- Thursday 18th May – Future Positive Volunteers onsite to remove existing equipment
- Friday 26th May – Site security and welfare delivered
- Monday 29th May – Charlie onsite to complete groundworks
- W/C Monday 5th June – Site inspection and snagging
- W/C Monday 12th June – Equipment installation Week 1
- W/C Monday 19th June – Equipment installation Week 2
- W/C Monday 26th June – Equipment installation Week 3 – Surfacing
- Post installation inspection before site security removed



Out with
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PROPOSED PLAY AREA



ROPE WALK



WHEELCHAIR ROUNDABOUT



EXAMPLE JIGSAW TOWER



GREEN/BLACK FLECK EPDM WETPOUR

GRASS MATS



In with the new....

What can you do?

Please:

1. While the work continues: Help to keep the site secure, and children and others safe.

Let us know of any problems, by calling 01225-923820

2. Let me know if you are happy to help erect the site security on Saturday ...
3. ... or for the next phase(s) of the project, when we hope to:
 - refurbish the equipment for older children
 - improve the skate ramp and all-weather court
 - and open up access to the St Catherine's Brook.
4. ... especially if you know how to get hold of lots of £££!