



Play Is The Greatest Form of Research

Playground Association Transforms Village Play Area

Client: Gargrave Playground Association
Address: Airedale Avenue, Gargrave, BD23 3SD
Budget: £75,000
Age Range: Families



Project Story

“ In 2013 we started a group with just a few mums who felt that our Village playground was no longer a very fun or very safe place to be. With aged wooden equipment that was either broken, rotten or missing, we knew we had to raise money to do this for our children. We started to apply for every grant and scrap of money possible to raise the large amount needed for the brand-new equipment from the amazing Proludic.

We cleared borders and planted fruit bushes, flowers and insect-loving plants in our wildlife areas. We had to work hard, learn lots about building work and pull together as a team.

Our hard work and dedication have paid off and we're now very proud to announce that we have finally completed this amazing green outdoor space for the children and their families to play in and enjoy.

Built in three phases over a year there is now a long zip wire, a special sunken trampoline, a seated roundabout, giant wave slide and huge triangle summit net. As an acknowledgement to Gargrave's Roman history (evidence of which includes the Roman villa remains and the Roman road through the river), a Roman fort and slide is now available for the smaller children. We also have sensory equipment such as talk tubes and a giant Connect Four. There's plenty for teens to do too! With a challenging giant climbing frame and monkey bars, there's plenty to hang off and bounce on. The new park is also more user-friendly for those in wheelchairs with the round picnic tables allowing for wheelchairs to be drawn up to the table top.

We all agreed that a park is and should be the hub and heart of a village when you have children. It's a place that you meet new friends, problem share with other parents and grandparents, while your children burn off energy and get some much-needed exercise and fresh air. Ours is now also a fun and happy place for families to go to that cannot always afford to go on days out or on a holiday.

Thank you so much Proludic for sticking with us and being so patient with our "is it is it not happening?" Project. For always being there and helping us to the end. It's finally happened, and we have a very happy village!

Sarah Pawson - Gargrave Playground Association.



After



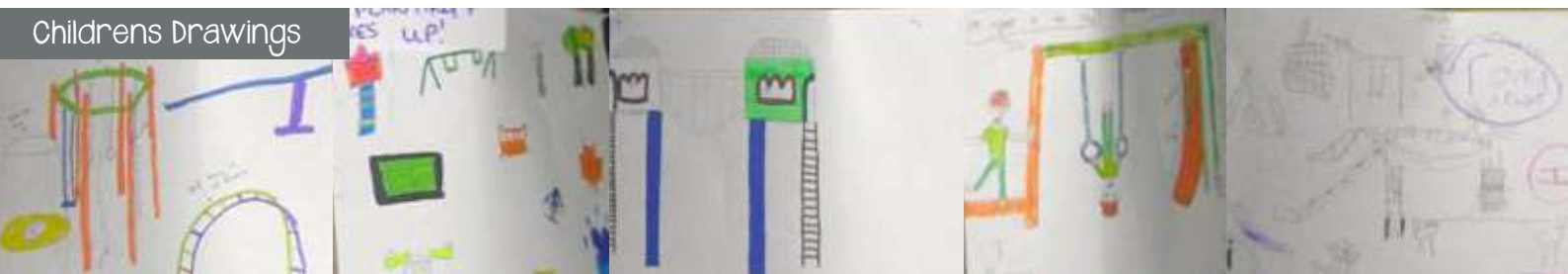
Before



Completed Site



Childrens Drawings



Themed Play



Design



Zip-Wire



Themed Equipment

Themed equipment meets children's need to invent stories by imitating their everyday experiences, and with the possibility of doing things differently.

As children grow older, their ability to imagine and engage in fantasy fuels their play experiences and improves interaction with others. They acquire greater ease of communication, making it easier to learn and develop self-confidence.