

Orange Tree Close

An Adventure Heaven!

Client: Chelmsford City Council

Address: Orange Tree Close, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 9ND

Budget: £60,000

Age Range: Junior & Families

Project Story

Centrally located in the heart of the community, the new play area at Orange Tree Close offers a safe and exciting play space for children to have their own adventures in. The play area at the Orange Tree Close Park, has benefitted from an investment from both Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council's Short Breaks scheme.

The need for works at the park site was brought to the attention of the City Council by a local resident, Andy Southwood. He contacted the City Council on behalf of his community to seek improvements to the existing play area and was instrumental in getting the project off the ground.

The new play area is now fully accessible and inclusive meaning youngsters of different ages and abilities can play together. The winning design was chosen by residents during a public consultation involving over 100 people expressing their views and preferences. Proludic won with an exciting adventure and nature themed play space design, providing an educational and fun play area. The site is has been designed for up to 63 users at any one time with 10 new items of play equipment installed.



I am so pleased to announce the reopening of Orange Tree Close Park. Thanks go to Andy Southwood for contacting the council and I am sure this park will be well used by the local community.



- Councillor Bob Massey, Cabinet Member for Parks



Site Opening



Kanope MPU



Design



Pod Swing



Public Consultation

The revamp announcement caused a flurry of excitement on social media. Comments from residents included, "We should all go to the vote. I am very excited about this!", "They all look amazing," and "Very exciting!"

Cabinet Member for Parks, Councillor Bob Massey said, "I am very pleased with the amount of interest in the consultation. We estimate that about 70 per cent of Orange Tree Close residents came out to vote or view the designs and the overwhelming majority said, 'We can't wait!'"