



Marford Road Play Area

Creating Play Provisions for Toddler & Juniors

Client: Wheathampstea Parish Council

Address: Marford Road, Wheathampstead, St Albans, AL 8AY

Budget: £50,000

Age Range: 3+ years

Project Story

Marford Road play area already had existing equipment, however, there was nothing that catered for the toddler or junior age range. The Parish wanted to improve sport and play areas within Wheathampstead on a limited budget. We teamed up with the Parish Council and over 2 years, and a number of designs, we supported them every step of the way to create a scheme the community would love and one that fits into their budget.

We installed 2 multi-play units, a Diabolo Unit which caters for children 2+ years and an Ixo Unit which is more challenging and designed for 6+ years. The park also includes 2 Altima's side by side so the older children can challenge each other and see who can reach the flag at the top first. The focal point, which has become very popular with the children, is the Zip Wire which spans the length of the play area.

Tomas Harrison, 10, said: "I think the new playground is awesome. I love the zip wire and new equipment because it's for older children and really good fun".



Before

After



We have had so many compliments about the design of the area and choice of equipment already. The park is buzzing and now seems to be a regular destination for all ages from all over the village.



- Julia Warren, Parish Clerk





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Design



Rodeoboard & Altima



Age Appropriate Play

When looking to design a play area, age consideration is really important. The stages of development at various ages means age-appropriate play is key to a child sense of self, others and their environments.

Age-appropriate play focuses specifically on the developmental ages and the general guidelines for safe, appropriate and stimulating play equipment.