

Painthorpe Play Area Landmarks of Wakefield Themed Play

Before

Client: Wakefield Council Address: Painthorpe Lane, Wakefield, WF4 3HQ Age Range: Toddler & Junior

Project Story

After

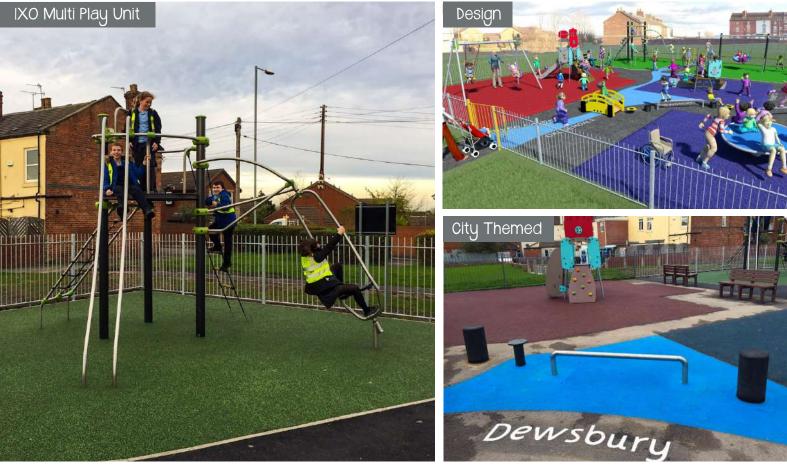
At Painthorpe their Current play facility was very limited, only catering for very young children. Some of the items of play equipment were removed and not replaced. Through consultation it was identified that the playground needed to be extended so that it was suitable for children up to 12 years old. new equipment will be installed, and the playground will become a valuable community resource.

We decided upon a themed proposal that celebrates the unique Landscape of the City and District of Wakefield. The Toddler Zone was designed to have a colourful area, which re-creates the City and District of Wakefield's unique landscape, focusing on both a built and natural. Environment. Using a selection of themed items, we recreated the Chantry Bridge which is situated across the River Calder and Wakefield Cathedral's Clock Tower and used themed ground graphics.

The Proludic design stood out for us because of the overall aesthetics, it added colour and interest without been too intrusive (as this is a highly residential area), the theme of the City of Wakefield was relevant to the area and lent itself to some imaginary play items (bridge, boat and stepping stones) which children could easily grasp and relate to the fact that it was a residential area and the overall play area is pleasant to look at whist at the same time provides good play value.

- Claire Smith, Street Scene Engagement Officer





Themed Playgrounds

Play is an essential part of children's lives. Simply by having fun children discover themselves, develop and shape their personalities. Through moving, interacting and using their imagination, their confidence and independence increases.

Themed equipment provides children, aged from 2 to 8 years, with a stage in the playground on which to act out stories and live numerous adventures.

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