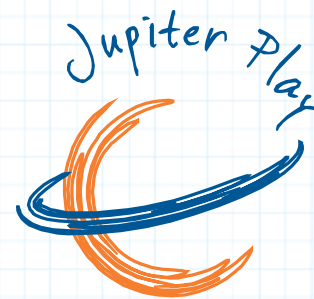


# Weedon Park

## Weedon Parish Council



Project objective: To provide a new play area for the community of Weedon which enables young people to play and be at the heart of the village. To incorporate natural play and challenge using equipment and landscaping features.

Equipment Value: 68k

Completion date: August 2013

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

Weedon Park has undergone a redevelopment this year as one of Weedon Parish Council's major projects for the village. The park area is surrounded by trees so a natural play area using FHS robinia timber complements the area perfectly. The Parish Council successfully obtained a large proportion of funding from WREN to add to the Parish Council's existing funds. The group also received additional generosity from the Anson Charitable Trust to help regenerate the play park at Weedon.

### THE CLIENT

In 2011, Weedon Parish Council consulted with community members to create a Parish plan which would determine where money would be spent in the community. The existing play area was worn and outdated after 15 years, so it was decided that new equipment and a revamp of the area were needed.

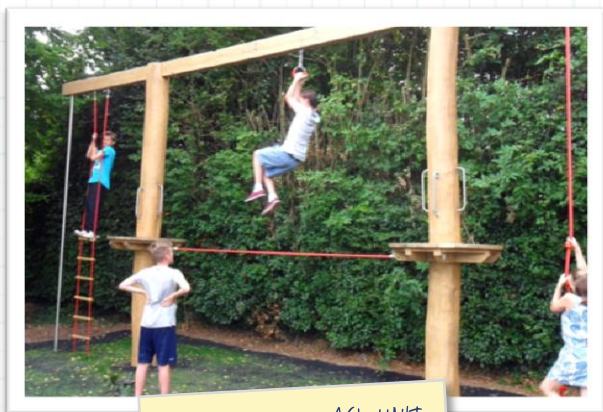
The Parish Council supported the Playground Redevelopment Committee that formed to drive the project to its completion.

### Consultation

The parish council wanted to replace the existing play area with new equipment which would cater for children between ages of 2-14 years old. A consultation was carried out, focussing on feedback from the children themselves to determine what they would like in their new park.

### Design

As a result of the consultation process our designer, Jane, created a bespoke Zip Track unit linking two platform areas with a cableway. The design also includes other FHS equipment including a Nest Swing, Scandinavian Playhouse, 2 Varioset Units with slides, Stepping Posts, Cradle & Flat Seat Swings, a Four Seater Seesaw, a Hen Springer, and a Steel FHS Roundabout. The site also includes a rotating Infinity Bowl from our Inclusive Play range. This alongside the Playhouse and Nest Swing help to make the site accessible for children of all abilities.



BESPOKE ZIP TRACK UNIT

The wide variety of equipment now in the park allows children and teenagers of all ages to enjoy a day there. The units provide multiple play opportunities and challenge children on a variety of levels including elements of climbing, balancing and sliding. The bespoke Zip Track unit in particular has been popular with older children but can be used by younger children who have the help of an adult.

### Landscaping

The Parish Council wanted to ensure the new play area was in keeping with the natural surroundings of the park. Existing trees were kept to enhance the natural element of the space, small boulders were added and grass surfacing was kept wherever possible. The FHS robinia timber fits in perfectly, complementing the area. As a Class 1 Resistance, it is large, robust and sustainable ensuring a great long term investment for the community.



'The new equipment has completely transformed the play area and we have had a lot of positive feedback so far'

Joanna Rose, Chair of Weedon Parish Council

### Results

Weedon Park opened in August 2013 and the community celebrated with a very busy opening day in conjunction with the Weedon Village Barbeque and Jazz Event.



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“Jupiter Play took great care to respond to our changing needs by amending designs and equipment specifications to give us the best possible result. My kids love the new equipment!”

*Sarah Gibbs, Playground Redevelopment Committee and Mum of 3 girls.*

“I can't keep my kids away! We were also delighted with the personalised service we received from Jupiter Play. The installation and completion were accomplished well within the promised timescales, and to a very high standard.”

*Tom Jameson-Evans, Weedon Parish Council and Dad of 3.*

