

Murrills Park - Case Study

Before



After



'We've got some wonderful equipment that has been installed. It's fair to say the brief and what the local residents asked for, has been delivered. The landscaping, particularly the stone sculptures, are something new and unique for East Suffolk'

Andy Joliffe, Communities Officer, East Suffolk Council

Location: Purdis Farm, Ipswich, Suffolk

East Suffolk Council appointed Groundwork East via a competitive tender process after holding a series of consultations to find out what local people wanted to see in their park. Groundwork planned community activities on site to involve the local residents in the design process and following this consultation, drew up a plan that included their ideas covering wildlife improvements and more opportunities for play, exercise and health.

Design Solution

Wildlife

A new nature circular trail was created with handcrafted stone posts and hare stone sculptures. The design also included native hedgerow planting, a wildflower meadow and wildlife habitat improvements.

Exercise and health

A new outdoor gym was introduced in the centre of the site providing cardio, strength and balance activities for all ages and abilities.

Play

Space for additional play equipment was installed within the formal, fenced play area that increased the range and diversity of play opportunities including fully accessible play equipment

Wider view

The design also includes an entrance welcome sign to create more of an identity and provide space for information, additional seating, and bike racks.

Impact

As well as the community engagement days that involved residents in the building plans, the anticipated impact of the project is to bring together the local community in an invigorated space that provides activity, play, leisure and learning opportunities for everyone whilst improving the area for the wildlife in the process.



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