

Jubilee Green Play Area

The plans for the new play area at Jubilee Green are attached and illustrate how the play area forms part of a wider scheme to improve the whole of the green.

The majority of the site is left open to cater for big events such as the Festival, but new paths and tree planting will help to give the site some structure. A row of trees alongside Savages Wood Road will be underplanted with daffodil bulbs and we hope that children and their families will get involved with the planting.

A community orchard is planned for the northern end of the site and this area will also include bulb planting and can be maintained as a wildflower meadow amongst the trees.

The play area will be given a feeling of enclosure using a combination of mounding and planting, both of which will give some shelter in what is otherwise an open, exposed site. There will be a mixture of equipment to cater for all age ranges, including some challenge and fitness items for teens and adults (climbing poles, a giant rodeo board and rowing and cycling machines).

Alongside the fixed equipment, there will be lots of opportunities for incidental play, including stepping stones, boulders and timber blocks for climbing and balancing.

Because the sand experiment was so successful in the summer, we will be using sand as a play feature and safety surface on part of the site, with a grit surface elsewhere. The latter will be loose around equipment to absorb impact but can also be rolled where it is used for paths to provide a surface suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The youth space as shown on the drawings is indicative only. The intention is to work with young people and for them to design and build their own space. The construction will be sandbags or straw bales which will then be plastered over to form a permanent structure. It could include seating, walling and a shelter and can be decorated by the young people once complete.