

Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge Funding Case Study

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Deerswood Park, Bristol

Owned by South Gloucestershire Council

Successful applicant: £24,507 to refurbish a children's play area

Deerswood Park – Before



From no man's land to everyone's land

Deerswood Park was hidden behind a tall laurel hedge and mainly used by drinkers who would damage the tired-looking play equipment and leave a trail of broken glass. It wasn't somewhere you'd like to spend any time.

South Gloucestershire Council worked with local residents to set up the Friends of Deerswood Park and began the whole park's refurbishment, adding landscaping and equipment for young people. Working closely with Avon & Somerset Police antisocial behaviour was targeted to make the park a safer place.

Deerswood Park – Now



Party time

The play area was awarded £24,507 by the QEII Fields Major Works Fund to refurbish the children's play area. New equipment includes a wheelchair accessible roundabout, stepping pods and balance beam, new cradle swings, refurbishment of the toddler's unit and a beautiful new climbing frame. Soon local residents were working with young people to create a mural on the back of some garages. Around 200 people came together in the park to celebrate the Jubilee – and their new, family-friendly park. Many people stayed all day to run races, picnic and help with the mural.

A lasting legacy

Now Deerswood Park is a vibrant, popular park for all ages. Families stay in the park – rain or shine – and the Friends group litter pick, sweep and tend the plants. They enjoyed last June's celebrations so much that they're planning their next community fun day for summer 2013.



Please play on the grass!