

Martins Hill Playground





At the end of 2019 it was clear the playground within Martins Hill recreation ground was tired and in need of improvement. The equipment was over 25 years old and showing clear signs it had past its useful life.

Unavoidably delayed by Covid in 2020 this project was pushed back to 2021



ADVANCE NOTICE
TEMPORARY CLOSURE
1st - 31st May 2021

As part of the Martins Hill Recreation Ground rejuvenation programme, this playground will be closed for the month of May to allow necessary maintenance, improvements and first phase equipment replacement.



Equipment Upgrade Phase I

The playground was shut for the entire month of May 2021 to allow preliminary work, dismantling of existing multi-play equipment and reconfiguration of the play pit.

After approximately 30 years of faithful service the multi-play unit was carefully removed and repurposed on a local farm to create shelter and an obstacle course for goats.

The play bark area was squared off and enlarged ready for the two new multi-play units.



Phase II – General tidy up of playground enclosure

The listing bench was lifted and securely fixed on a newly created level slabbed base.

The rotten wooden perimeter fence was replaced with roll top metal mesh fencing.

The broken field gate was relocated elsewhere within the playing field and replaced with a dual access pedestrian maintenance gate to match the original bully gate which was reinstalled to open correctly as intended.

Conditions of use signage was attached to the perimeter fencing and is clearly displayed in four locations.



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- ◆ This playground is intended to provide a safe space for use by babies, toddlers and young children between the ages of 6 months & 10 years old
- ◆ All children must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or appropriate adult at all times to ensure child safety, respectful play and proper use of the equipment
- ◆ Vandalism or anti-social behaviour of any sort should be reported to Dorset Police by dialling 101 or online www.dorset.police.uk/ds-it-online
- ◆ Please report damage or faults immediately to Parish Clerk tel: 01202 470457 email: burton@dorsetopc.gov.uk

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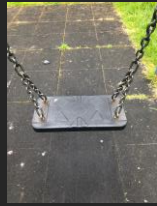
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Equipment Upgrade Phase II

The old swings were removed to make room for the new swing A frame.

Our groundsman extended the play pit area to include the new swings and provide the required continuous safety zone.

Once the play bark was added to the required depth the two baby and one standard swing seats were hung completing the equipment upgrade.



Finally, a grass buffer zone between the car park and playground enclosure was created together with an access path wide enough for double buggies and wheelchairs. This work completed the upgrade delivering an inclusive safe space for young families with children of all mobility between the ages 6 months & 10 years old to enjoy.

