

Compton Playpark

Status report as at 4th October 2024

The refurbishment was completed by the 27th September, but the park closed until the 2nd of October, due to the very wet underfoot conditions.

The refurbishments consist of the following:

1 zip wire (which replaced the slide and 2 bouncy animals)

1 toddlers multi play (which replaced half the trim trail)

1 'rock and bowl' (an accessible piece of equipment, which replaced the accessible roundabout)

Grasscrete has been paid under all the equipment, and grass seed sown, and some turf has been laid where safer surfacing has been removed.

The project remaining is to replace the old multi play which an older children's version, and the swings with modern swings. In the meantime both are safe and serviceable, and Andy will paint the swings when the weather makes it possible for him to do so.

The cost of this remaining work is circa £25,000, allowing for fencing and site equipment.

I have been very pleased with the company. They have been courteous, efficient and prompt, and have kept me up to date at all times with any issues that they have found, particularly that of the weather.

The total cost of the project is £38,960.61 + vat

This is funded as follows:

Parish Council reserve	£30,000
CVA	£5,000
Shepherdsmead Trust	£1,500

Subsequent to our last meeting it was agreed by email to remove the accessible roundabout and replace it with a 'rock n bowl'. See my proposal below:

The cost of repairing the accessible roundabout is £2,500. It is an old piece of kit and the likelihood of something else going wrong is quite strong. I question whether it is a good use of our resources. We could take it out and replace it with a 'Rock and Bowl', which is also accessible, although the child would need to be lifted into it.

Doing this would cost an extra £2,500. £38,960 as opposed to £36,481.

The playground was opened yesterday by the Mayor of Guildford and our Chairman, very kindly organised by resident Nick Wyschna, Founder of Guildford Fringe, who also sponsored drinks for everyone who attended. There was a very good attendance of parents and children, and the new equipment has been very well received.

Joanna