

Queen Camel has its new Play Area



Through community fund raising and grant support, the village of Queen Camel now has a new and modern Play Area for younger, and older, members of the community to enjoy.

Located in the village Playing Field, the old play area had become tired and in need of revitalisation. Coordinated through the Parish Council, the community came together to organise village fayres and other community events and sought grant applications to raise

the £125,000 required to bring in new equipment for future generations. Over the past 7 weeks, Hags playground equipment, have cleared the old and replaced it with the new play area offering activities for ages up to 14 years and providing over a dozen items of play equipment for all.

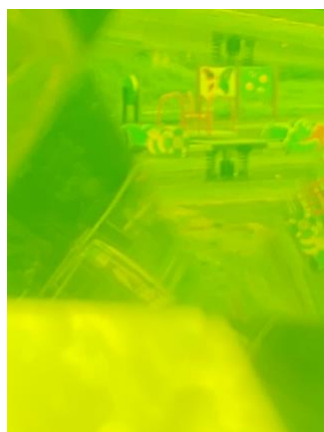
Phil Jones, vice chair of the Parish Council, said: 'It's been a great effort across the community to bring this project together. I'd like to thank all those who have been involved in organising and supporting community events and fundraising'.



Significant grant funding came from the National Lottery supported by contributions from National Highways' Social Value Fund, in recognition of the impact of the A303 redevelopment on the local community, and from Parish Council funds.

Phil Jones continued: 'a special thank you goes to those who have purchased National Lottery tickets. Their ticket has won our community a modern, 'state of the art', facility for our children and grandchildren for many years to come.'

Providing two activity play towers, swings, a roundabout, a trampoline and numerous sensory based items, the play area provides a safe environment for young people to exercise and learn. One villager, with young children, said: 'The new play area will mean the children will be able to access great outdoor play straight after school, early evenings or at weekends without us needing to go to Yeovil or Wincanton'. With another mum adding: 'see you on the zip wire!'



Queen Camel's Countess Gytha Primary School often used the old play area for its younger children and has been involved in the planning and development of the new facility. Its Head Teacher, David Gordon, will officially open the new play area at 4pm on Thursday 12th September 2024 with it now standing proud on the village Playing Field for all to use.