



MANTON COMMUNITY OUTDOORS WITH MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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Plenty of Joy at Jubilee Field

On Wednesday, 2 September our Town Mayor, Councillor Mark Cooper, cut the ribbon to officially open an exciting new play area at Jubilee Field, Manton. Abiding by COVID social distancing restrictions, children took turns to test out the swings, slide, agility trail, rope climber, fortress, basketball hoop and more whilst adults lined up to try the fitness equipment too.

For the last three years, a group of young professional mothers, collectively known as Manton Community Outdoors, have worked hard fundraising towards this new facility which benefits all ages. They collaborated with the Town Council, Manton Residents Association, local people and Preshute School to make sure that this fantastic facility was right for the whole village.

Dragon Play & Sports, based in Cardiff, supplied the equipment and Project Manager, Michael Carter of Sports & Play Consulting, guided the project through to completion.

Costs of just under £66,500 have been met via grants and contributions from a range of organisations and generous local people. These include:

Marlborough Town Council - Crowd Funding - The Hills Group Ltd, the Landfill Communities Fund, administered by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire - Marlborough Area Board – Marlborough & District Lions Club - Marlborough Masonic Lodge - National Lottery - Calor Gas – Waitrose Community Matters

Our Mayor, himself a resident of Manton, said: "What an amazing achievement by Manton Community Outdoors. It's been great to work with such an inspiring group, all working so hard to make it happen. I remember playing here as a child, how much more it has to offer now. There's something for everyone and the play equipment reflects the natural environment so Jubilee Field still retains its reputation as a wonderful green open space."

Katie Tilney, one of the fundraisers, said: "Manton Community Outdoors is absolutely thrilled with the final result and that such a wide age range appear to be enjoying the facilities. We are extremely grateful for all the encouragement over the three years and especially to the vast number of contributors."

Photographs of the opening event are attached and should be credited to Marlborough Town Council

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