

Following consultation with local schools and research into the latest guidance on play, the brief outlined the need for a balance of fixed play and natural elements to encourage exploration, formal and informal, and play.

The design was also to be sympathetic to its country park location. The balance is achieved through incorporation of fixed play equipment within landscaping elements such as mounding, ditches and planting. For example the Zingo bubbles that congruently sprout out of meadow seeded grass as part of a play trail.

The site offered wonderful opportunities with established vegetation, which now provides a shady natural break in the site and space for explorative play. The curved path helps to set the flow through the site and gives accessibility to all fixed equipment.

Site features include; 'Amphitheatre Ascent' a tri level south facing mound for climbing, rolling and relaxing and a dry river bed ditch inspired by the history of a double moated house on the site in the 1700's. There were also a large number of curb stones on the site and these were recycled in 'Rubble Ruin', a feature for imaginative and inclusive play.

Exciting play attractions chosen, to provide a well styled balance of play opportunities to all ages and abilities, featured products from across SMP's Zingo, Nexus, Essentials and Natural ranges.

