



EYFS Outdoor Play Area Community Project

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Investing in local communities is at the heart of what we do, so when we were approached by Alyson Truelove, a resident in Bransholme, to support Sutton Park Primary School, it was something we felt compelled to do.

Alyson has a young grandson who attends the school, she made us aware that they needed help with several external maintenance jobs and asked if Fortem could support them. At the time of contacting Fortem, the school had committed to installing a road track with funding from their Sports Premium to enable the children in their early years to develop their fine motor skills and physical development. They had also asked the PTFA if they could fund some of the other equipment and work that was required.

Frank and Rebecca from Fortem arranged to visit the school and assess what support Fortem could offer. At the time of the visit several commitments were made as follows:

- Provide skips and labour to clear rubbish from the school internally and externally
- Supply a sandpit with cover
- Install an outside tap
- Install an outside electric point
- Reposition several sheds
- Supply picnic benches

The school were over the moon with the offer and work commenced the following week.

After weeks of hard work, the finished project was far more than originally expected. This delighted the school and meant that their funding could be utilised elsewhere.

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Below is a full scope of works that were completed:

- Fortem labourers cleared out rubbish from inside and outside the school filling three skips
- External electrical point installed
- External water point installed for the new mud kitchen
- Sandpit with roof donated
- Two new picnic benches with seats donated
- Outdoor stage built
- Subcontractors supported by making financial donations
- Subcontractors supported by providing volunteers & plant machinery
- Several sheds repositioned
- The ground was levelled and hardcore laid for a new racetrack to be installed
- Flower train donated
- Steel frame painted by Fortem volunteers
- New outdoor blue tooth speaker purchased with subcontractor donations
- Rainwater goods replaced
- Plaque purchased by Fortem

In addition to the above Fortem and our subcontractors have donated:



400 books



Violin



Golf set



New bike

Overall Investment

Item	Detail	Financial investment
Skips	3 x skips	£600
1-ton machine	Hired by Westlinks for 7 days	£1,050
10 ton of type 1 stone	Supplied by APS	£150
Climbing frame & swing	Purchased by Peter Cox	£420
Subcontractor donation	Hamiltons donation	£110
Subcontractor donation	Rohdar donation	£100
Sandpit and mud kitchen	Purchased by Transwaste	£419
2 picnic tables	Donated by Westlinks	£200
Plaque	Purchased by Fortem	£45
Flower train	Donated by Humberside Wood	£110
Fortem volunteers	4 volunteers x 96 hours each (£22.78 per hour)	£8,747.52
Subcontractor volunteers	APS, Westlinks, LBE & Gas Company 208 hours (£15.51 per hour)	£3,226
Wood for stage	Fortem donation	£100
Guttering & fall pipes	Material costs	£100
	Total investment	£15,378



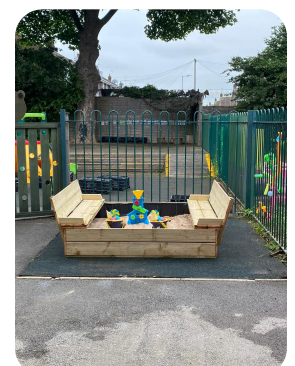
Testimonial from a local resident

Alyson Truelove, a Bransholme Resident said “After these uncertain times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the major impact on students at Sutton Park Primary Hull was felt throughout the community of Sutton Park residents.

"I received a shout out for help from the Headteacher from Sutton Park Primary School Mrs Liz Lee, for help with the early years outdoor area. The area desperately needed a major facelift for the children coming back to school. I knew instantly I would contact a colleague of mine, Rebecca Goodwin from Fortem - I had worked with Rebecca on many projects throughout Hull over the years. Fortem and Rebecca have always gone above and beyond and have never let me down. After an initial meeting with Mrs Liz Lee, Francis Gallagher conjured up sub-contractors and suppliers, and the work began. Needless to say, the outcome is breathtaking.

"The children love the new play area and are over the moon. The parents are equally impressed and love the fact that there are still people out there willing to help when the need arises for our children and community in the midst of this awful pandemic.

To my friends and colleagues who helped make the dark days of this pandemic just a little brighter - God bless you all.”





Elizabeth Lee Head at Sutton Park Primary said, “We are really thankful for everything Frank and his team have done and we would never of been able to complete the works without the support”

