

Case Study 1 – Nursery Playground, Lancaster

Objective: to design a playground, within an existing tarmac area, which will encourage physical challenge and exploratory play on a daily basis.

The playground was designed through carefully consultation with nursery staff, to include a range of equipment for physical play, growing areas, digging area, and outdoor writing. Carefully chosen planting was also included to “green-up” a sterile area. Contractors completed the construction in a 4 week period in November.

Cost of project: £25,500



“I am more than satisfied with the playground: I am absolutely thrilled as are all the nursery staff! It is so much more appropriate for developing young children's learning outside.” *Headteacher, Nov 2012*



solid slate chalkboard



bespoke wooden climbing wall

Case Study 2 – KS2 playground, Kendal

Objective: to design a play area to promote physical challenge, imaginative play, and play which requires children to co-operate.

The playground was designed in consultation with the headteacher, pupils also contributed ideas. A design was developed which linked to existing areas of the playground, but created an entirely new area with significant physical challenges and a real sense of adventure.

The design replaced an old tarmac area with a large open sand play area, and specified a bank and tunnel. We moved several large boulders to create a henge, and heavy tree trunks for climbing.

Cost of project: £13,000, funded through an RBS Supergrounds grant and Carlisle diocese.

More than a year after completion the headteacher reported that, children are still finding new exploratory and imaginative ways of playing in this area.

Headteacher, 2011

