



PRESS RELEASE

Traps Hill Play Area



We are delighted to announce that the popular Traps Hill Play Area, close to Loughton Library has now reopened after a full refurbishment.

The exciting choice of new and colourful equipment was finalised through extensive public consultation and we hope the children will enjoy the new play experience.

The equipment is suitable for a wide range of ages from toddlers to 14 year olds but younger children should always be supervised by an adult.

As well as the traditional and basket swings, there is a challenging multi-play piece for the teenagers with a climbing wall and bannister slide. The new roundabout with seats is fitted level with the safety surfacing and suitable for wheelchairs. For younger children there is an adventure trail and multi-play unit. Everyone will enjoy the witches hat (a spinning cone climber) and the trampoline.

With the total cost of the works being £80,000, we are very grateful to Essex County Council who provided a grant of £20,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund. The remainder of the funding has come from the precept.

Councillor David Wixley, chairman of the council's Recreation Committee, which undertook this project, said, "*This is just one of the eight playgrounds provided by the town council. We were very successful in last year's Essex Playing Fields Association annual competition; the playground at Monksgrove received a Silver Award while those at Westall Road and Colebrook Lane both received Certificates of Merit. We expect the Traps Hill playground will be a strong contender for an award this year.*"

We hope local families will join us for the official opening ceremony and family event on Saturday 9 July from 10.30am – 12.30pm."

