Natural and accessible play - Byron Rec, Weston-super-Mare: October 2011



Sketch scheme proposals











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In 2008 we were appointed to design and manage improvements to Byron Recreation Ground in Weston-super-Mare. This flat, low-lying open space is surrounded by housing and had few natural assets. Working with local residents, our brief had been to create more natural play opportunities (including informal sports provision for cricket and petanque), as well as equipped play.

With a budget of £140k, the final design uses a variety of timber and steel play equipment centred around a central grass area, enclosed with low key railings which is accessible by gates and a stile. Natural play elements include stepping stones and board walks over a naturally flooding area, a mound (with embankment slide) and timber elements. Native plants have been included for a greener setting. A quarry dust petanque court has been made and is regularly used by local pople. There are seats, picnic tables and bins, with a community notice board.

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