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A new play area for Raunds

The Mayor of Raunds, Councillor Helen Howell was delighted to open a new play area in the town on Thursday 4th August 2016. The Webb Road play area has been completely refurbished with a number of new pieces of equipment added and the whole area resurfaced and improved.

At the opening Cllr Helen Howell said “It’s just fantastic to see the children having such a wonderful time playing on the equipment. We’ve added some really exciting new pieces as well as incorporating the existing climbing frame and tyres as they are so well loved locally, we are really pleased with area now, it has been given a new lease of life. We have also decided to add a picnic bench to enhance the area and that will be coming soon. We know that adults who used to play here now bring their children to play in this park and maybe they will in turn bring their children along too”.



A spokesman for the Town Council explained that the total cost of the project was £25,000 but the council had been able to secure a grant of £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to part fund the project. The spokesperson said that the funding had ensured that the project offered the townspeople excellent value for money.

Cllr Lee Wilkes, Chairman of the Environment, Leisure and Recreation committee said “It was highlighted in the Vision for Raunds that residents wanted to see improvements to the play areas in the town. Having already completed improvements to The Saxon Hall play area we are delighted to have now completed Webb Road. We’ve already had some great feedback from local people; it’s good to know this play area will be enjoyed for years to come”.



Notes to Editors:

- The Big Lottery Fund supports the aspirations of people who want to make life better for their communities across the UK. We are responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised by the National Lottery and invest over £650 million a year in projects big and small in health, education, environment and charitable purposes.
- Since June 2004 we have awarded over £8 billion to projects that change the lives of millions of people. Every year we fund 13,000 small local projects tackling big social problems like poor mental health and homelessness.
- Since the National Lottery began in 1994, £34 billion has been raised and more than 450,000 grants awarded.

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