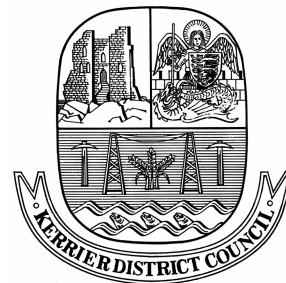


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## “Tuckingmill Valley Park – Going from strength to strength”

**The regeneration of Tuckingmill Valley Park continues this week with the start of work to install an exciting new play area.**

The design of the equipment will be unique within the Kerrier District and was selected by the valley park regeneration group following a detailed consultation event held in the park last year. The futuristic equipment will cater for all age groups and includes a skate-board trainer and a large multi-purpose play unit for older children with swings and other features specific for toddlers. The equipment will be installed within a dog proof fence for children’s safety. It will be sited on the former landfill site at the top of the embankment overlooking the valley.

Funding for the equipment is through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Kerrier District Council and is part of a wider programme of works to provide a high profile green space in the heart of a deprived area. Future works include providing improved access to and from adjacent communities, infrastructure enhancements around the park, new environmental information/ education trails and a new skate park in the heart of the valley.

**Cllrs Cyril Waterhouse and Colin Godolphin, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Tuckingmill Valley Park Regeneration Group state “*The new play area is the first part of the next phase of work to attract more people into the park to use this wonderful facility. The regeneration group were very impressed with the equipment.*”**

**John Calvert, Head of Service- Engineering stated “*The park is developing into a first class facility for the people of Kerrier. The new play equipment, when installed, will add a new attraction to the park, which, over the next 12 months will develop further into a multi-use area for community.*”**

The park will remain open whilst work is in progress, but parents are advised to keep children well away from the working area.

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