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## Highfields Climbs to the Top!

Children are inherently adventurous, with an almost inbuilt 'program' to climb! Highfields Adventure Playground in Leicester recognised that if children from their local area were to do this then they would need to satisfy parents and the community that they could do this in a safe environment.

Highfields Adventure Playground has been open since 1972 and in those days the children of the area could spend their free time climbing in the many trees, monkeying around and generally finding their own level of risk, and learning the consequences when they got this wrong! Located within the inner city of one of the UK's main cities, Highfields Adventure Playground was, and remains a vital lifeline for children seeking the rich freeflow environment provided by the great outdoors.

With £50,000 funding from Playbuilder and £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund it meant the adventure playground could invest in some new self built pieces of play equipment as well as improve groundworks. However, the biggest gamble and the one that presented the biggest obstacle was the installation of the Timberplay Climbing Structure. At £25,000 this represented the largest investment that had ever been made on a piece of play equipment and the biggest risk to the organisation running the park if it failed to impress! The parents from the local area were also amongst the first to raise their concerns about having such a challenging piece of play equipment available to the children expressing their fears that it would lead to multiple injuries and accidents on a grand scale. So it was with much trepidation that the Climbing Structure was ordered and installed from Timberplay.

Working with their expert installation team, Timberplay were able to work efficiently in a very self-contained way, causing minimum disruption. Set against the backdrop of many trees the Climbing Structure, embedded naturally into its surrounding environment and was now ready to use.

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Best Regards

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