

**Why are we redeveloping WBL?**

Welly boot land has been long overdue for a refresh. There will be new and replacement play equipment and improvements to the surfacing. This will not only improve the look and feel of Welly Boot Land, but will also make the area more accessible for everyone.

Part of making the area accessible includes levelling out the surfacing, improving the bridges across the water flow and adding some accessible play equipment.

**What improvements are will be happening?**

Brand new play equipment made from sustainable timber sources- PEFC certified.

- Lily pad trampolines, climbing trees, log tunnel and a basket swing
- Improved accessibility - levelled surfaces and play equipment. Play equipment at different heights and with different levels of challenge to make it suitable for younger children and those with restricted mobility.
- Water play
- Wetland themed
- Learning through play and exploration

The resurfacing will limit the amount of Astroturf and add tiger mulch made from recycled forklift tyres and wet-pour rubber. Where we are able to, we are using and reusing suitable materials and items within Welly Boot Land.

**What age is the upgraded equipment aimed at?**

The new wetland themed equipment is much more accessible and is suitable to children from a young age.

There will be lily pad trampolines, climbing trees, log tunnel and a basket swing suitable for all.

**What is the timescale and why was that period chosen?**

Our busiest times in Welly Boot Land are from February half-term onwards into the summer. These developments are taking place over the October half term break and into the autumn/winter to make sure we are able to reopen Welly Boot Land before we get to our next peak period in 2023.

We also have our River life play are with our tower and wobbly bridge that our visitors can continue to enjoy during the redevelopment, alongside our two indoor soft play areas.

**Is there additional seating?**

We recognise that welly boot land is very popular for family groups and picnicking. Our planned developments create more space for this in the centre area of welly boot land.

The snapshot we have shared is a better representation of the play equipment and the different use of areas. No seating or benches will be removed in Welly Boot Land and there will be plenty space for people to gather.

**What is happening with the water?**

Most improvements in Welly Boot Land are with the play equipment, the surfacing and the accessibility. The route of water flow is not changing and the play area will retain the roundabout/fountain water feature, and all the water play elements along the water channel.