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****PRESS RELEASE****

Work begins on improved facility in Burton Joyce

Installation works from local company Jupiter Play are underway to create an improved playground for children in Burton Joyce.

The Roberts Recreation Ground Improvement Project is a step closer now that the ground preparation has started for the installation of brand new equipment and pathways at the site on Church Road in Burton Joyce.

The project, which is being funded by a £100,000 grant from FCC Communities Foundation, and supplemented by The Parish Council and The Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground, via generous donations from local businesses, community groups, individuals in the village, Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, will provide a new and challenging central piece of play equipment and pathways that link both new and existing equipment to make the whole playground an all-weather facility which is more accessible.



Other new items include a four-seater seesaw, a spinner, an additional springer toy and a trail of balancing items. Popular items such as the titan swing, basket swing, toddler equipment and trampolines are being kept.



The Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground have said:

“It is fantastic to see our vision for the improvements to our park become a reality. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped us along the way and to the FCC for selecting our park to receive much needed funding to make this happen. We are so happy and excited for our local community!”

Cllr Robin Ringham, Vice Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of the Amenities Committee supported this:

“After a lot of hard work I am pleased to see the start of the new park at Burton Joyce. A lot of time and effort has gone into making the new design inclusive and integrated with existing equipment so we can have a park that caters for all ages and abilities and is accessible throughout the year”.

As well as replacing some of the more tired pieces of equipment with modern and challenging play items, the main driver for the project has been to make the playground more useable all year round and accessible to all through the new pathways which link the items.



The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Laurence King (pictured above) believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in the area. He says

“the initiative and working together of all the people involved is to be commended. It is the mark of a strong, involved and generous community, that is reflected around the village.”

The project will provide a real boost to the people of Burton Joyce. It is fantastic that the FCC Communities Foundation has awarded the Parish Council these funds. The Parish Council and Friends of Roberts Recreation Ground are really looking forward to seeing the playground taking shape over the next 4-6 weeks.

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Cheryl Raynor, FCC Communities Foundation Local Grant Manager said:

“It is great that work has now started on site, by working together with other organisations we will be able to create an amazing place for children to explore and have fun, we look forward to seeing the results shortly! ”

For more information about FCC Communities Foundation funding contact Cheryl Raynor at cheryl.raynor@fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk or visit <http://www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk>