

Fencing Fun: Onslow Recreation Ground's Playful Barrier Provides Safety and Colour

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Completed in 2023, [Jacksons Fencing](#) undertook a vibrant fencing project at Onslow Recreation Ground, a Green Flag award-winning park in Guildford, Surrey. The installation of RoSPA-approved multi-coloured playground fencing has revitalised the park's playground area, enhancing both safety and aesthetics.

Situated in an elevated position with stunning views across Guildford and adjacent to an arboretum, Onslow Recreation Ground is a popular destination for both nature lovers and families. The playground, featuring a range of exciting equipment made from industrial-looking steel and timber, required a robust new fence to enhance its visual appeal while ensuring the safety of its young visitors.

Overcoming challenges with innovation

The primary challenge was to create a playful and engaging environment that meets rigorous safety standards. The new fencing solution had to withstand outdoor elements and high-traffic usage while providing a secure boundary to protect children from wandering off, keep dogs out, and be strong and durable enough to withstand climbing by older children.

Jacksons Fencing installed their RoSPA-approved Metal Playtime® playground fencing, meeting both functional and aesthetic needs. Standing at one metre tall, the fence features a flat top, with rounded edges and smooth surfaces which minimise injury risk. The individual pales were powder coated in a variety of colours after being hot dip galvanised, resulting in an eye-catching and durable design.

Marrying safety with creativity

The fence provides a secure enclosure, meeting BS EN 1176 playground safety standard and preventing

access by dogs. This ensures that children can play safely within the designated area, while high visibility is enabled for parents and guardians to supervise.

Beyond safety, the multi-coloured fence adds visual interest and helps children easily identify the play area boundaries. By creating a visually stimulating environment, the fence encourages children to engage more actively with the playground.

Constructed from robust materials with a weather-resistant finish, the fence ensures long-term performance and includes a 25 Year Service Life Guarantee. This durability means that the fence will remain a reliable and safe feature of the playground for many years to come, withstanding the rigours of weather and intensive use by children.

Celebration of innovation

The colourful design works to capture the attention of both children and adults, transforming the playground into an inviting and exciting space to enjoy. With its bold and lively colours, the fence fosters an engaging and fun atmosphere.

The installation of these vibrant railings has transformed the playground into a captivating and safe space for children, fulfilling the dual purpose of functionality and creativity. The project underscores Jacksons Fencing's commitment to enhancing community parks by combining safety with innovative design.

Commenting on the project, Peter Jackson, Managing Director, Jacksons Fencing, commented: "We are delighted to have been a part of the transformation at Onslow Recreation Ground. Our goal was to create a fencing solution that not only meets the highest safety standards but also adds a vibrant and playful element to the playground. The RoSPA approved Metal Playtime® playground fencing not only provides robust protection against various hazards but also enhances the welcoming and lively atmosphere of the playground. We take great pride in delivering a fencing solution that promises both security and joy to the community."

For more information about this project, [click here](#).