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Great Ouseburn celebrates the opening of an adventurous new play area

GO Play, the team behind the project, will officially open the new village playground on Friday 28 August at 2pm with Councillor Andy Paraskos and the project funders.

Built by local York firm Playscheme, the impressive playground has been made in bespoke timber to complement its rural location and incorporates a zip wire, trim trail, multi-use play area, picnic space and DDA compliant play equipment for primary school aged children.

The project has been possible thanks to a grant of £86,000 from FCC Communities Foundation, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Penny Horne, Grant Manager at FCC Communities Foundation says: "It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to families within Great Ouseburn and the surrounding villages. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities and this is a great example of what can be achieved."

Dave Meakin, Chair of the GO Play Committee adds: "The community has been waiting patiently these last few months, but it has been well worth the wait. It's a tremendous asset for Great Ouseburn and we're thrilled to see it finally come together. We are incredibly grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for their generous donation."



Further contributions from The Co-operative Community Fund, Queen Ethelburga's College and North Yorkshire County Council as well as village fundraising activities have facilitated the project.

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Media information:

Press are invited to the playground

opening at 2pm on Friday 28 August at the playground:
Great Ouseburn Village Hall, Lightmire Lane, Great Ouseburn, North Yorkshire YO26 9RL

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Notes to editors:

GO Play was formed in September 2018 by Great Ouseburn Parish Council as a voluntary committee to provide an updated, imaginative, exciting and coordinated play experience for the children and young people of Great Ouseburn. http://great-ouseburn.org/website/?page_id=544

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