

Early Years Garden, Castleton Nursery Group, Newport.

We tendered for this project, which was designed by Newport County Borough Council in house Landscape Architects. The scheme was to provide a play area adjacent the new nursery group classroom. The leadtime from tendering to completion was 6 weeks. The design had to be altered as the works progressed to enable it to be completed within budget.



An existing topsoil/subsoil mound was reduced in size and re-graded. The facilities constructed included a rock/pebble water feature using river washed cobbles set into a concrete base which formed a pool area and stream. This stream was bridged with a timber boardwalk. The water feature was fed via a connection to the building water mains.

A perimeter path was constructed and finished in porous tarmac. An outdoor performance area was formed by cutting a series of steps for seating into the existing mound and by installing timber log retaining walls.



A raised planting bed and hill fort were also constructed using logs. A 'mud' pit and paved area further complimented the play facilities provided. The site was fenced with timber pale fencing. A new access ramp into the classroom was constructed using timber.

All elements of the contract were carried out by one of our hard landscape teams including the timber construction, concrete, stone works and the tarmacing. The works were then turfed and seeded on completion.



Client	Contract Summary	Consultant
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"Landcraft have a competent and skilled team who fully understood both the requirements of the designers brief and the needs of the end users. They always showed consideration for the staff and pupils within the existing school and nursery. Where there was a problem they always offered a solution and were flexible enough to allow for additions and alteration to keep within budget and timescale. Above all they are an easy, pleasant firm to work with."

Joanne Gossage, Landscape Architect