

## **£100,000 for play in east Bristol**

Two volunteer groups in St George, east Bristol, are celebrating news of £100,000 to improve play in Dundridge Park and Troopers Hill Field in east Bristol. Both groups worked together to apply for grants totalling £100,000 from SITA Trust.

Troopers Hill Field just has a 1980's slide and a few logs, with many local people driving their children to surrounding parks to access play facilities. Dundridge Park has a small, ageing play area only suitable for very young children. This funding will allow Friends of Troopers Hill and Friends of Dundridge Park working with landowners, Bristol City Council, to create a small, fenced play area for under 5s with an access path on Troopers Hill Field and an enhanced play area on Dundridge Park.

Chair of Friends of Troopers Hill, Susan Acton-Campbell said, "We are so grateful to SITA Trust for this grant. It took a lot of work, particularly from local parents, Chris and Lisa Deane, Richard and Bethany Evans and Millie Colwey, to do the necessary consultations and preparation. Without the guarantee of match-funding from the St George Neighbourhood Partnership we could not have applied and Bristol Parks have been very supportive.

Thanks also to everyone who completed the consultation questionnaires, Air Balloon Hill Primary School and Summerhill Infants School who helped with questionnaire distribution and Avon and Somerset Police, Bristol City Council and our local MP, Kerry McCarthy who wrote letters of support."

Chair of Friends of Dundridge Park, Geoff Reeson, followed with, "Like friends of Troopers hill we are also grateful to SITA Trust for this grant, who without their support this would not be possible. The St George Neighbourhood Partnership not only guaranteed match-funding to help our project, they also funded a professional fundraiser to help us. We are also grateful to Avon & Somerset Police, Bristol City Parks, St George Councillors and our local MP, Kerry McCarthy who wrote letters of support."

Marianne Ivin of SITA Trust added "The level of community engagement that had taken place in the lead up to the project proposal was exceptional and it is a great demonstration of how communities can really get involved in their local area. The play area and activity trail will therefore be a hugely popular and beneficial addition to this part of Bristol."

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### **Logo**



**Friends of  
Troopers Hill**



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Friends of Dundridge Park do not have a logo

**Suggested caption for attached photo**

The much loved slide that will stay in Troopers Hill Field

**Notes to the editor**

For information on how to apply for funding from SITA Trust call (01454) 262910 or visit [www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk)

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