



The result is a green and sustainable garden, open to all and featuring murals by different groups and ages, in addition to wide scale shrub planting and benches to sit and relax. Local children were involved with other volunteers in planting days and community interaction improved as a result. Local Community Wardens also became involved and agreed to provide support in overseeing the site, including opening and closing the gates. The Wardens are also organising play schemes for children in school holidays

With the local press running positive features, the Amazing Play committee of volunteers has been approached by other groups for advice and are now an active voice in their local community forum.



AMAZING PLAY

Hull

Living Spaces Grant: £25,000

A Living Spaces grant has helped a local committee of volunteers transform the vandalised site of an old school in Hull into a safe and exciting green space in the heart of an urban area with little open space.

The Springbank area was one where many residents were caught in the trap of disadvantage and exclusion. Racial tensions, including fire bombings, had added more pressures to a community living with little opportunity for access to play provision and positive activities. Despite this, residents had a vision of offering healthy exercise and fun-filled play for all ages, building strong relationships between children, parents and neighbours.

The project built positive community support from the outset. Public meetings, consultations and newsletters ensured that the local residents were kept well informed about progress and fundraising events were organised. This activity meant broadening relationships beyond local boundaries to include neighbouring community groups, schools and other organisations.

