

# Community fund updates play area

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The Lee Moor play area has been updated with a new outdoor soft landing play area and climbing frame, thanks to cash from a local community fund.

The Newnham Solar Community Fund is managed by volunteers, who are looking for opportunities to help make a difference to people who live within the two parishes of Sparkwell and Shaugh Prior.

The new climbing frame was delivered with a grant of £13,000 from the fund, along with additional funds provided by both the parish council and county and district councillors.

Aggregate Industries, at Lee Moor, also supported the community project by providing the stone base for



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Cllr Nick Wassell, left, and David Cobold

the new climbing frame free of charge.

Shaugh Prior Recreational Hall has also enjoyed some funding, enabling it to refurbish the floor.

David Cobbold, chairman of the fund's board of directors, said: "I'm delighted that we have been able to make these awards. We hope the improvements to the play

area will give much joy to many children and that the Shaugh Prior Hall will continue to be a focus for the village for local events.

"We are committed to projects that will make the community a better place."

The Newnham Solar Community Fund is managed by the Sparkwell & Shaugh Prior Community Interest Company. The funds come from the owners of the solar array located along the Lee Moor Road at Newnham. The opportunity to make applications will continue for another 20 years.

The fund welcomes applications from constituted not-for-profit community groups, voluntary groups, societies, clubs and non-publicly funded charities.

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