

Opening of teenage play area at Willenhall Memorial Park

A new play area for teenagers will be officially opened at Willenhall Memorial Park by The Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Arthur Bentley, on Thursday 26th June 2004 at 11.00 a.m.

The £55,000 scheme has been carried out as part of the five-year restoration of Willenhall Memorial Park.

Funding for the play area has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Walsall M.B.C. and local waste contractor Cleansing Service Group Ltd who a £9,625 donation, through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

A variety of play equipment is featured, including:

- Cantilever Swing
- Challenger Unit
- Commando Cableway
- Fun Ball Game
- Overhead Rotator
- Teen Shelter
- Gutters

The scheme also features decorative railings and gates designed by Birmingham based artist Anuradha Patel. This superb artwork was 'rescued' from a storage compound after previously gracing the frontage of Darlaston Swimming Baths.

Keith Rimmer, Walsall Council's Playgrounds Manager, said:

"This new, exciting facility at Willenhall brings together items of equipment especially designed to challenge and exhilarate teenagers. Having already installed multi-sports and skate facilities as part of the lottery project, Memorial Park can now be regarded as providing the fullest range of teenage facilities in the borough."

Dr Ian Carnell of Cleansing Service Group (CSG), said: "CSG are always delighted to sponsor such worthwhile local projects in the Walsall area. We hope the that teenagers in he area will enjoy the facilities for years to come."