



## TAKING DESIGN TO ANOTHER DIMENSION



We have been working hard over the last few years to develop our landscaping and design knowledge. Following a bespoke landscape design course run for Jupiter Play employees by staff at Oatridge College, Paul has started studying elements of the Landscape Management Course, focusing on Planting Design and Design Process and Composition in the Landscape. Hopefully you will be able to make use of this skill and knowledge when requesting design proposals from us in the future.

Paul is also investing our resources in developing our design capabilities – we are already able to offer our clients a 'kids-eye' walk-through of our play area designs, but Paul is hoping that animated figures will help people understand even better how equipment will look and work on their proposed site – Watch this space!!

## 5 Years of 'Out of This World' Service!

Congratulations to Paul (Design) and Jeanette (After-Sales) who have both been with the company for 5 years. A special memento was presented to each of them by Founding Directors, Jo Walton and Michael Hoenigmann, at a celebration lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Their contribution to the company's growth and success in the last 5 years has been enormous and our thanks go to them for their endless dedication and professionalism. When Paul and Jeanette joined Jupiter Play in 2002 they doubled the employee numbers!!



## And Finally.....



### Thanks to Jamie

Our thanks go to Jamie Maxwell, our Napier University student, who spent 15 weeks with us on placement looking at new product development. The fruits of his labours should come to fruition in the next few months when they are added to the Inclusive Play product portfolio. Jamie will continue to be involved in Inclusive Play as he will be spending one afternoon a week back in the fold developing his product ideas.

**Jupiter Play & Leisure Ltd provides a range of outdoor play & sports equipment that is exciting & challenging to children whilst meeting all European safety standards. It is important to offer products that not only give maximum play value but which also offer excellent value for money. We hope that this is evident when looking at the diverse range of products available. We are also committed to providing a level of service which matches the high quality products our company promotes. Our aim is to make the process of purchasing your play, sports or skate equipment as simple as possible. This is why we offer the complete play area solution from consultation to expert installation.**



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# The Planet

### Special points of interest:

- Jupiter Consultation Service
- Landscape Design Developments
- Another Jupiter Play Area wins Nancy Ovens Award
- Update on Lottery Funding in Scotland



### INCLUSIVE PLAY SET TO TAKE THE UK MARKET BY STORM....

Over the past few months there has been a fantastic buzz around the Inclusive Play product range. All 3 pieces of play equipment are now sited within play areas across central Scotland, where they have been received with great interest and enthusiasm.



Jamie Maxwell, a student from Napier University, has been working alongside Paul to research and develop 2 further products for the Inclusive Play portfolio. Working in collaboration with NCH and Scotland Yard Adventure Centre, Inclusive Play are continuing to work with the people that really matter, the children, and aim to have the new products ready to launch in Autumn 2008.



The new and informative Inclusive Play website is now up and running, allowing clients to download product details, view video clips of equipment and create a 'wish list' of items to receive further information on. The online ordering process allows for easy specification to improve the inclusivity of any play area.

### Why Inclusive Play?

Many play areas are let down by traditional cast iron play equipment that no longer conform to the European standards or are simply past their 'sell by date'. All 3 items of Inclusive Play equipment can be adapted to bolt directly onto an existing tarmac or concrete base, providing a simple and cost effective way to replace 'weary' play equipment.



The Inclusive Play range is perfect for punctuating a play area and providing truly inclusive play experiences for children of all abilities. Ensure that your play area caters for ALL children by specifying Inclusive Play TODAY!!!

For more information on Inclusive Play check out the website [www.inclusiveplay.com](http://www.inclusiveplay.com) or call 0131 445 7989

### EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION 2008

Jupiter Play & Leisure will be exhibiting at the upcoming External Environment Exhibition on the 16th of April at David Lloyd Leisure Centre in Renfrew. The **Inclusive Play POP Panel** will feature on the stand along with members of the Jupiter Play team, so why not come along free of charge to meet the team and discuss any aspect of play area **consultation, design, installation and maintenance**. To register visit [www.landscapex.co.uk](http://www.landscapex.co.uk) or call DCE on 01630 673 000 – We look forward to seeing you there!



## UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE FROM LODGE GROUNDS CONSULTATION!

Following a grant awarded from The Heritage Lottery Fund, and as part of an extensive redevelopment of the whole park, East Lothian Council appointed Jupiter Play to carry out the consultation, design and installation of the new play area in the Lodge Grounds, North Berwick. Jupiter Play was successful in winning the work following a presentation to the project's working group on their consultation techniques.

Extensive consultation with the community took place over a four week period, including a dedicated website for the project [www.lodgegrounds.com](http://www.lodgegrounds.com), school assembly meetings and an open morning at the site. A short term presence in a vacant High Street shop also enabled Jupiter Play staff to have constant contact with the local community. Questionnaires were completed by children and adults, both at the shop and

online, to enable a thorough understanding of the community's aspirations for their new play facility.

All of the data from the questionnaires was collated and analysed to enable the Jupiter design team to create a play area in line with the community's expectations and full of local input.

The local School children were also involved in a 'Design a Sign' competition with over 150 entries from which a winning design was chosen as the new signage for the play area. The Lodge Grounds play area is now known locally as 'The Honey Pot' thanks to Martha Kemp of P5c!

The consultation phase of this project was met with great enthusiasm from children of all ages within the community, allowing Jupiter Play & Leisure to demonstrate their strength in



Lots of Local Children Playing on the INCLUSIVE PLAY Roundabout!

this important stage of play area design.

### Do you need a helping hand to get your project off the ground?

Jupiter Play can offer consultation services tailored to suit your project, from public meeting consultations to the design and management of a project-specific website.

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questionnaires and for the community to put across their opinion and desires. For three weeks a Jupiter Play consultant was available on site to discuss the project and to allow community members to view equipment and other Jupiter Play sites. Once again, Jupiter Play have helped another project to get off the ground!!

### Consultation is taking off!!!

Following the success of the Lodge Grounds consultation, Jupiter Play were commissioned by PMR Leisure to conduct consultation for the redevelopment of the play area in Law Park, South Lanarkshire. The play area is part of a project to create a Sport and Leisure Centre for the community.

Assembly presentations to Law Primary School and meetings with the Law Community Trust and teachers from the school took place. The website - [www.lawplaypark.com](http://www.lawplaypark.com), was widely used to complete



Pupils from 'The Playground Crew' at Law Primary School, North Berwick

## THREE OUT OF FOUR FOR NANCY OVENS TRUST AWARDS.....

For the third year out of four, a Jupiter Play site has been at the centre of an award at the Nancy Ovens Trust Awards. This year the awards were presented on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at Evolution Skate Park, Stevenson where the accolade of Best Design of a Play Experience (in rural

Scotland) went to North Lanarkshire Council for The Play Area and Wildlife Garden at Colzium, Lennox Estate, Kilsyth. Previous winners have been Lauderdale Park, East Lothian in



Thor House Play Area, Thurso

Play Area, Thurso). Information on all the winners at this year's awards can be found at <http://www.playscotland.org/pdfs/NancyOvensAwards2007.pdf>

For more information on previous Jupiter Play Award Winners check out the case study section of our website [www.jupiterplay.co.uk](http://www.jupiterplay.co.uk)



2007 Award Winner- Colzium, Kilsyth



Lauderdale Park, East Lothian

2004 for the same award and Ormlie Community Association for their Outstanding Contribution to Play (Thor House

## New Skate Facility for Dalkeith, Midlothian

Following the Tender from Midlothian Council, Jupiter Play & Leisure have been awarded the design and build project for the new skate, bike and blade park at Cowden Park, Dalkeith.

Midlothian Council were keen to utilise Jupiter's previous experience in community consultation so a meeting was arranged to present the design of the skate, bike and blade park to the local children and members of the community. The project was met with enthusiasm and any concerns were addressed at this stage with amendments being agreed by all parties.

The scale and challenging nature of Jupiter's Skate elements provides the user with a diverse range of wheeled sports equipment that will provide a much needed facility for the youths of Dalkeith.



### Lottery Funding- Investing in Ideas

Applications to the new BIG Lottery Fund are now being processed and key to success for community groups seems to be applications submitted firstly under the Investing in Ideas Programme, where a maximum of £10,000 can be awarded to allow groups to carry out consultation. This enables groups to have a firm idea of what their community wants from a new play space such as age ranges to target and preferred equipment types. Groups who take this initial step for funding are standing in good stead for further funding success to take their park to completion. For more information visit the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

### DURABILITY- YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.....

The Proludic Observatory publication looking at Play Area Durability is **now available**. Having identified the main issues in durability such as weather, vandalism, graffiti and intense use, Proludic demonstrate how durability is integrated into their equipment at design stage.



This factual and informative publication is a must for play area providers, particularly those involved in inspection and maintenance.

To receive your free copy of the Durability Observatory please **contact us**.