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Residents in the Millfield area of Peterborough will benefit from improved community facilities including a new park, play equipment and outdoor gym.

Peterborough City Council, in conjunction with Gladstone Connect and the local community, successfully applied for a WREN grant of just over £97,000 to establish a new park.

The park will be based in a green space between Gladstone Street and Bourges Boulevard. It will include an adventure trail, playground and table tennis facilities and is planned to open in spring 2019.

Following a public consultation earlier this year in which local residents were asked for their views on how the area could be enhanced, new play equipment has been installed in Russell Street, Hobson playground and New England playgrounds.

An outdoor gym based in Gladstone recreation ground, which is the first of its kind in Peterborough, opened earlier this week. It features 12 fitness stations allowing 20 users at once to enjoy free exercise.

Fitness group Solution 4Health will run free training sessions at the gym, which will advertised on a notice board next to the gym.

Media Opportunity

Where: Gladstone recreation ground, off Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough.

When: 11am Friday 9 November

Details: Official unveiling of new outdoor gym

Irene Walsh, Peterborough City Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "I am delighted that these much-needed community facilities will soon be available for families in the area to enjoy.

"We are committed to supporting healthy communities across the city and ensuring people have green spaces close by. In this instance, we've engaged with residents to find out what they want and worked hard with our partners to turn their ideas into a reality."

Richard Smith, WREN's grant manager, said: "We're delighted to be supporting the play area improvements at Dyson Close and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for children and young families across Peterborough.

"WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon."