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Residents in the Millfield area of Peterborough will soon be able to enjoy a new park with play equipment and facilities.

A part-derelict green space between Gladstone Street and Bourges Boulevard has undergone a dramatic transformation over the past few months, creating the new Connect Park.

Last year Peterborough City Council, in conjunction with Gladstone Connect and the local community, successfully applied to WREN for an FCC Community Fund grant of just over £97,000 to enhance the green space along with the surrounding area.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment, a waste and resources company, through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Connect Park has been specially designed to include an adventure trail, playground, outdoor gym equipment and table tennis facilities.

It will be officially opened at a special event on Saturday, May 4 by Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and David Jost, the Secretary of Gladstone Connect.

The opening day event takes place from 11am until 3pm and will include arts and crafts activities, face painting, a treasure hunt and live music.

Last year the council held a public consultation with residents in Millfield and asked for their views on how the area could be improved.

This led to Connect Park being constructed as well as new play equipment being installed in the nearby Russell Street, Hobson and New England playgrounds.

An outdoor gym based in Gladstone recreation ground was also opened in November 2018. The gym, which was the first of its kind in Peterborough, features 12 fitness stations allowing 20 users at once to enjoy free exercise.

James Collingridge, head of environmental partnerships for Peterborough City Council, said: "Connect Park is going to be real asset for the community and we would like to invite everyone along to the opening ceremony so they can see the improvements for themselves.

"We are committed to supporting healthy communities across the city and ensuring people have green spaces close to where they live. 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."

Rebecca Stephens, city manager of gigabit broadband provider CityFibre Peterborough, which is sponsoring activities at the opening event, added: "We are delighted to sponsor the launch event of Peterborough City Council's new Connect Park.

"Connecting, whether it's by meeting people in the park to enjoy its facilities or using next generation digital connectivity to access the latest tech innovations, can enrich lives and local communities."