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FM Conway donates new playground to Kent nursery

Children at a nursery in West Wickham can now enjoy playing outside thanks to Kent-based construction company, FM Conway.

The family run, multi-disciplined provider has donated £1,000 worth of asphalt play surface to Parklands Nursery, as part of the nursery's expansion plans.

Commenting on the project, owner of Parklands, Alison Regester, said: "I am so grateful to FM Conway for providing the new play surface at the nursery. Within hours of it being laid local children were playing ball games and riding bicycles over it. After all the years of fundraising, it really is lovely to see it completed and enjoyed. The new surface has made a fantastic difference and has provided a lovely entrance to the new Parklands Community Room.

"We started the nursery in 1996 with only four children. However, we soon realised that the community needed a broader range of services for children and young people. We decided to expand our park pavilion to include a new 80m² community room with toilet and kitchen facilities. We can use the space to provide for a low cost baby and toddler group and also somewhere for teenagers in the park to 'hang out', something urgently needed.

"A grant of £57,000 from the London Borough of Bromley has paid for the majority of the work and the nursery raised another £15,000. However unfortunately, these funds just didn't go far enough. I contacted Joanne Garwood at FM Conway after having seen some road-resurfacing that they had completed locally. Joanne said that they would be happy to help and I'm so glad they did. The team that came to lay the asphalt were great and the nursery children were really excited to watch them at work. I have been incredibly lucky, without FM Conway's generosity the site would remain unfinished to this day."

Joanne Garwood, Director at FM Conway, said: "I am delighted FM Conway has been able to help such a great cause which has so much importance to the local community. On reflection, our donation was reasonably small when you consider the large contribution and importance the centre brings to local residents. The new play surface will last for at least ten years, with minimal maintenance, and I hope members of the nursery and local community will enjoy many hours of activities on it."

Work at the nursery consisted of laying Dense Bitumen Macadam (DBM) onto 75m² of prepared base, to facilitate a couple of parking spaces for day use and a basketball court for use in the evening. Eight tonnes of asphalt was required to complete the work, all of which was sourced from FM Conway's asphalt plant in Erith.

Other local businesses have also helped Parklands Nursery in their expansion plans. Magnet Trade supplied a discounted kitchen and Harelquin Fabrics donated the curtains.

FM Conway provides a comprehensive range of highway maintenance, construction, civil engineering, resurfacing and pothole repair services, as well as professional and structure services and building maintenance. Its dedicated Surfacing Division has Sector 16 approval from the Highways Agency and lays both stone mastic asphalt (SMA) and hot rolled asphalt for its clients.

FM Conway's new asphalt plant, located in Erith, South London, is one of the first in the UK to produce low carbon asphalt. The construction of a new jetty, due for completion later this year, will allow the company to import all materials via the Thames, thereby reducing lorry movements by 15,000 per annum and energy usage by more than 7%. It will also save 1,025 tonnes of CO₂e per year.

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Photo caption: Children at a nursery in West Wickham can now enjoy their play-time outside thanks FM Conway

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Notes to Editor:

FM Conway Limited has a strategic goal – zero waste to landfill by the end of 2012.

A leading multi-disciplined service provider, FM Conway operates from its head offices in Dartford, Kent, with strategic business centres across London and the South East.

The company provides a comprehensive range of highway maintenance, civil engineering and construction services, as well as professional services and structure and building maintenance. It has been able to develop a reputation for delivering cost-effective and high-performance solutions across both the public and private sectors.

Its new Asphalt Plant is now up and running and open. It produces asphalt with a high recycled content. Situated at the company's Thameside Wharf, the Asphalt Plant offers the full range of British and European standard coated products.

Designed to incorporate the latest energy saving initiatives throughout its operations, including using cleaner fuels in the heating and drying processes, the new Asphalt Plant increases FM Conway's green credentials and is complimented by their established recycling facility located at Dartford.

FM Conway's Aggregates and Asphalt department is focused on providing high quality products and the highest level of customer service and efficiency within the London and South East markets. Managing Director Michael Conway and his team have built on the company to be one of the country's foremost innovators in wet waste and aggregates recycling.

Since its foundation in 1961, FM Conway has continued to grow and today employs a workforce of more than 1,800 people. Their staff play an important role, and as their slogan says – great people, great work.

FM Conway is a member of the British Safety Council, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries and the Quarry Products Association, as well as being BSI registered for environmental and quality management.