

Proposals for the site adjacent to the Triangle Market



Following the removal of the Sails and supporting green structure, the Assets, Inclusion and Development Committee has started to explore ways to enhance the site adjacent to the Triangle Market.

Officers were asked to explore options and costs for shaped seating, planters and play panels, keeping in mind the site's proximity to a busy road.

Officers have found the following options:

Play Panels:

It was initially suggested to affix play panels to the fence, to make the site look more visually appealing, however, upon closer inspection, officers would consider that the fence would not support the weight of play panels directly affixed to it. The recommended solution is to therefore explore freestanding play panels, which can be secured into the ground. These can still be positioned along the fence line, but would provide the added benefit of children being able to interact with them from both sides. Officers have sought to select options which are engaging, interactive, accessible, educational, and most importantly – fun!:

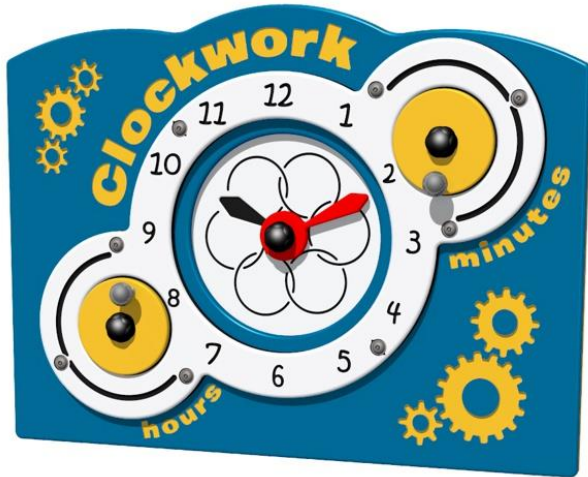


Toy Town Play Panel Set

This set of six play panels provides an enjoyable role-play experience, featuring counter

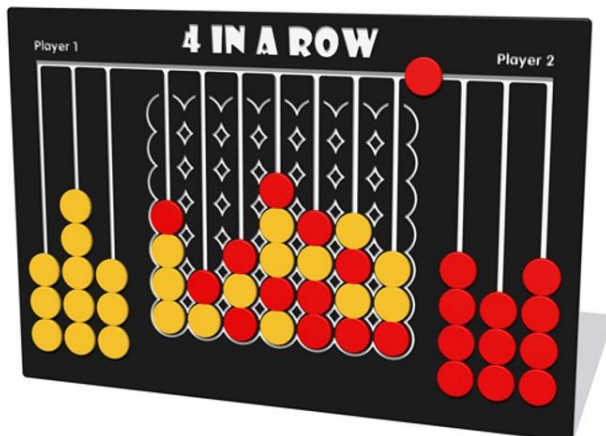
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surfaces and window openings, and is also a fun nod to the High Street opposite. The cost would be £2,595.



Clockwork play panel

Interactive and educational, this is a mechanical cog panel with rotating discs for the 'hours' and 'minutes'. The cost would be £1,050.



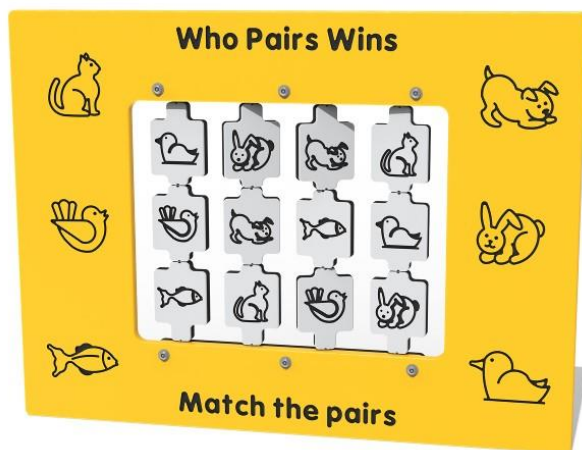
Giant 4-in-a-row game play panel

An entertaining game to be enjoyed by visitors of all ages. The panel features sliding game pieces which remain attached to the board, so there will be no issue of lost pieces. The cost would be £575.



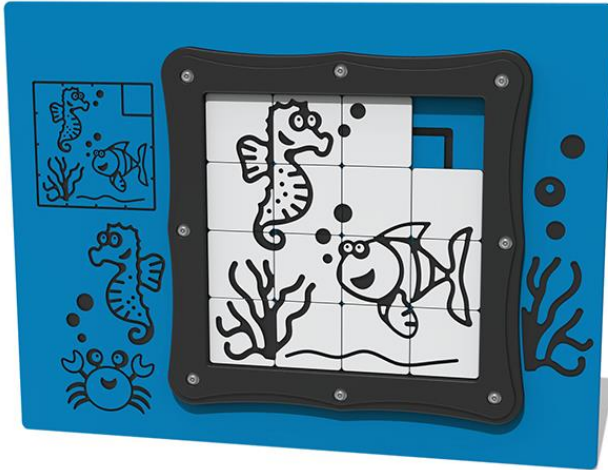
Chalkboard station

Councillors have expressed a desire to see more chalkboard stations installed in our parks and open spaces. The chalkboard panel insert is removable and replaceable. The cost would be £1,950.



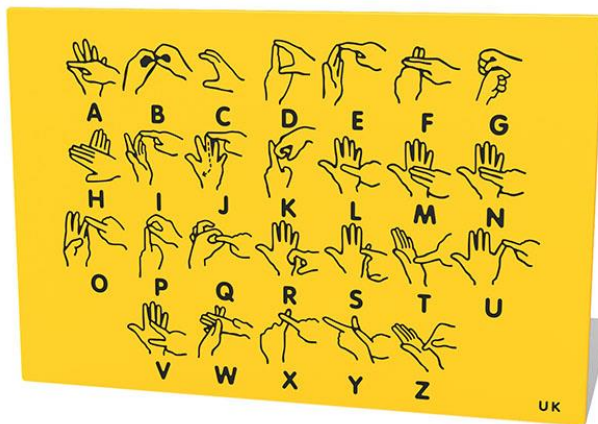
'Who Pairs Wins' play panel

An engaging and interactive memory game, featuring spinning discs for smooth operation. The cost would be £550.



Tile Slide Fish play panel

To create the image, users will need to manoeuvre the sliding tiles around the panel. The nautical design also nods to Lowestoft's seaside location. The cost would be £575.



Sign Language (UK) play panel

The panel features symbols from the UK sign language alphabet, and its yellow and black design is particularly beneficial for users with additional visual needs. The cost would be £495.

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Benches:

In exploring options for seating at the site, officers looked at shaped seating to naturally encourage social interaction, alongside interesting designs, as follows:



'Chillout' Bench configuration

A more interesting and dynamic design than a standard park bench, this is the type of seating which would particularly appeal to older children and teenagers. The configuration pictured is made up of three individual elements, as follows:



'Chillout' pallet, stand and sofa. The Chillout Pallet would cost £2,435, the Chillout Stand would cost £3,775 and the Chillout Sofa would cost £3,250.

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Bespoke design double curved double sided bench

A robust design in an attractive curved shape, which is also double sided to maximise use of the space. The design pictured has a countryside theme, however the manufacturer would be able to produce a bespoke nautical theme. The cost would be £3,700 plus VAT plus delivery.



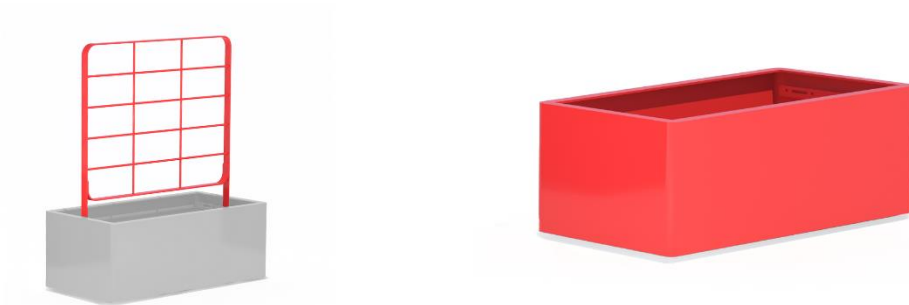
'Sid the Snake' bench

An interesting and fun design for children, again shaped to naturally encourage social interaction. The cost would be £2,938 plus VAT plus delivery.

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Planters:

There is a desire for planting here to make the site more visually appealing. Careful selection of plants can also support the Town Council's environmental policies and create biodiversity even in this urban environment. The following options are presented as possibilities:



'Chillout' planter and espalier

Other colour options are available, including blue and green. The espalier would provide the opportunity for climbers to be planted. The Chillout planter would cost £1,995 and Espalier would cost £575.



Existing planters

I have contacted the designer of the existing planters as pictured above. These are a good size and design and would again support climbers. The approximate cost would £2,000 per planter.