

The overall cost of the Thor Playarea was £206K and Ormlie Community Association wish to thank the following organisations for their contribution to a facility which has made a tremendous difference, not only to the Ormlie estate, but the wider Caithness community.

- National Lottery Community Fund
- The Highland Council
- Caithness and Sutherland Enterprise
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Social Inclusion Partnership
- Comic Relief
- Scottish Executive Community Safety Initiative
- Inverness Medical Ltd
- Entrust
- Save the Children in Scotland
- Scottish Co-op
- UKAEA, Dounreay
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Royal Hotel, Thurso
- Thurso Community Council
- Caithness Education Trust
- Thurso Ladies Circle
- Thurso Round Table
- Thurso Rotary Club
- Manpower, Thurso
- MSF Union
- Dounreay Police Charities Fund

'Our parks are bare. People have taken away swings and everything' Young person September 2000

'The state of the art play park in Ormlie sets a benchmark for other areas' - Local Councillor January 2003

'It's the best play area I have been to in yonks' - Young person April 2004

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The Ormlie Story

In late 1997 a child was knocked down in Ormlie running across the road to one of the old playareas on the estate. Her parents were so concerned about the dangerous state of the playareas on the estate that they reformed the Ormlie Community Association and undertook a door-to-door consultation asking residents their views on the estate.

Residents expressed concern about the speeding cars and neglected playareas and from these early beginnings a huge regeneration project began.

Consultants were appointed to produce a community plan for the estate and a community office was opened with staff appointed to lead the regeneration project.

Since that date Ormlie Community Association has managed to secure £206K for a new playarea. Children and young people played an important part in the fundraising, planning and design of the playarea. Working through the pilot Community Partners Programme (CPP) children and young people were part of the Thor playarea working group. They worked with architects, road and lighting engineers as well as a range of other professionals.

The park was officially opened on 22 December 2003 by Colin Punler who started the whole project. It was his daughter that was run over in November 1997. The playarea has skateboarding equipment for teenagers, a multi-sport area which is used by many different groups, equipment for young children—swing, shute, roundabout etc and a picnic area for the whole family.

We are very proud of the park as it is used by people from all over Caithness. Many come on trips from schools and other community groups. It has been a great success only through the hard work lots of hard work of many people.

The Old.....



and the New.....

