

### Simmons Park Putting area

The putting green has been used for this purpose for 80 years and is in need of an upgrade. England Golf are committed to making the game of golf more inclusive and accessible for disabled people. Not all disabilities are visible, and golf can become more accessible for all by implementing a range of measures to accommodate people with a disability, ensuring they can participate and enjoy golf. This can include having physical provisions in place such as wheelchair access (and ensuring this is clearly communicated to people); Accessibility needs to be looked at beyond an ability to access but also to benefit. In the case of sport, entertainment and amusement venues, the benefits should include being part of the fun and enjoying as much of the experience as possible.

The area of the current putting green is 3135m<sup>2</sup>. it currently has 18 holes at an average width of 2m which represents 15.5% of the total area.

To improve the putting green the holes need to be made of hard standing to make them usable all year.

The obstacles for each hole would be made out of metal and painted (similar construction to the new bandstand by the Chalet). These will be bolted into the ground so they cannot be removed from the area.

The rest of the area will be grass and planting with the hope of reducing maintenance for the parks team. The current course takes 2 members of staff a full day to mow and strim so making the course easier to maintain will reduce their workload allowing them to focus on other areas of the park.

Below are a couple of examples of courses that have been designed by Greenspan. The first is Henley On Thames' course and a fly over of the course is visible at <https://henleyadventuregolf.co.uk> .

The second example is at Whitemead in the Forest of Dean so had to complement the area the course was in.

## THE BENEFITS OF ADVENTURE GOLF



### FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Adventure Golf is a barrel of fun for all the family, just get stuck in!



### IMPROVE HAND EYE CO-ORDINATION

Colourful clubs and creative designs provide a route into sport for young children.



### DITCH THE SCREENS!

Enjoy some unbroken family time without TV and electronic devices.

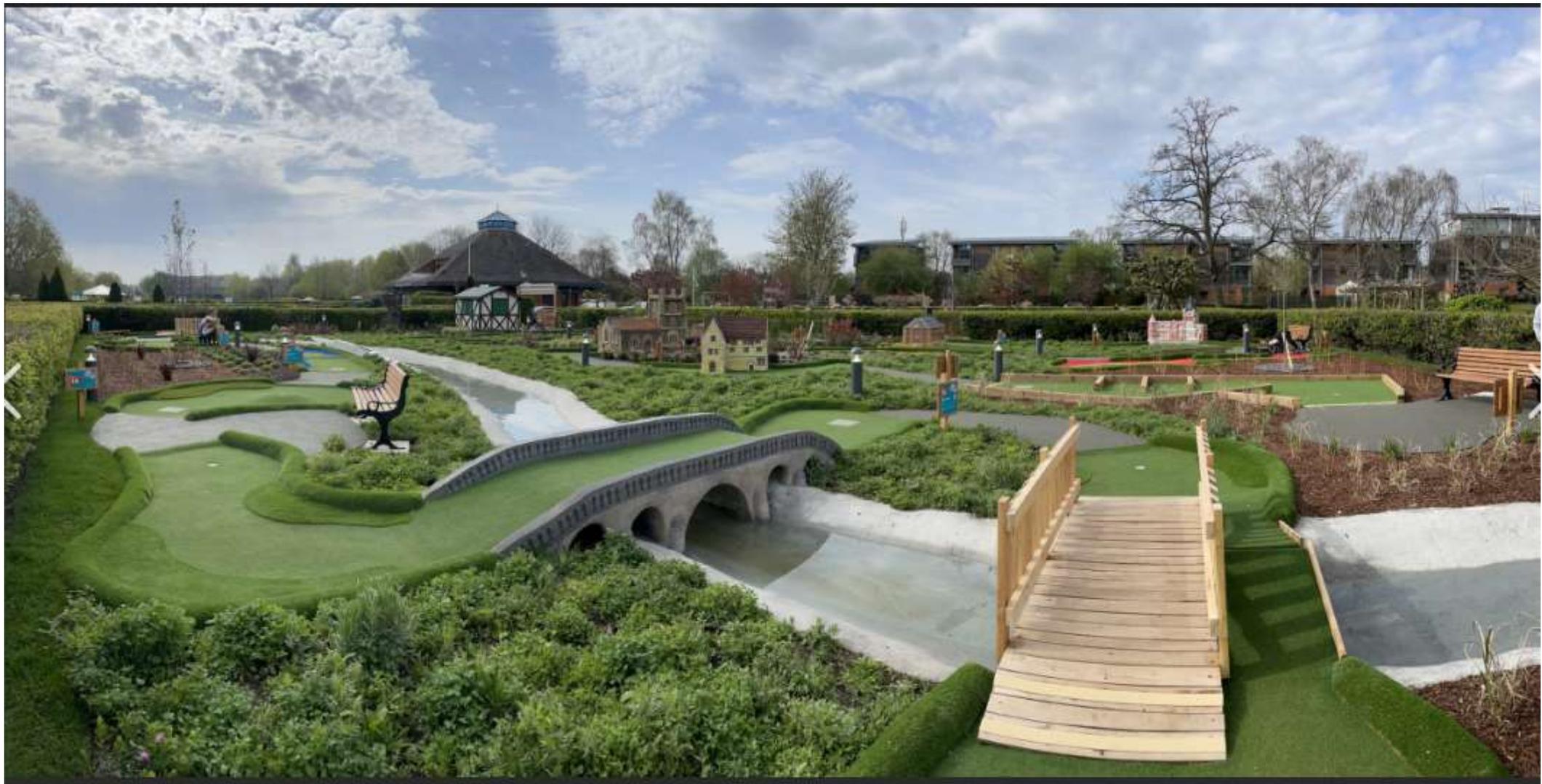


### DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Improves reaction times for other ball sports.

Henley upon Thames Crazy Golf Course







## **Whitemead's woodland-themed adventure within the fascinating Forest of Dean**

Greenspan Projects were selected by Whitemead Forest Park to create a stunning 12-hole woodland themed adventure golf course for their thriving holiday venue.

Nestled in the Forest of Dean, the park offers an array of activities for visitors wishing to enjoy an escape into nature – whether that be glamping, camping or enjoying a sumptuous log cabin with a hot tub. With a pool, gym, and leisure club already in situ for guests to enjoy – Whitemead Forest Park saw an opportunity to diversify their offering for families looking for a little more adventure – and utilised a beautiful space in which to do so!

From the initial concept discussions, it was clear that Whitemead wanted to retain the woodland aesthetic for their new attraction – so Greenspan's creative team got straight to work on the important theming of this course to make it truly unique to the venue. This resulted in the creation of expertly carved wooden sculptures, which have become firm favourites around the multiple challenges and obstacles throughout the course. There are also tranquil streams to navigate on an immersive wooden raft, magical talking trees, and woodland sounds to really add to the excitement of the course!

Another unique and soothing feature of the course surrounds the landscaping, which has been described as a “zen garden” by several visitors! It has been admired as an escape from the “outside world” into an immersive and beautiful space.

### **Specialist features:**

- Detailed and intricately carved unique wooden sculptures
- Play through props
- Multiple challenges and obstacles
- Excellent playability
- Ride on raft
- Large water feature with multiple levels and weirs
- Wooden bridges
- Sound FX and night time lighting
- Hard and soft landscaping





The course must be fully accessible and Equality Act-compliant.

To be compliant with the DDA and The Equality Act 2010 requires the facilities or services of a building to be accessed easily by those with disabilities. If it's difficult or impossible for a disabled person to use the facilities or services of a building, reasonable steps must be taken to remove this difficulty or provide a suitable alternative.

1. Paths should be a minimum of 1.2m wide and have a maximum slope of 1:12 with a maximum camber of 1:40
2. Path surfaces should be suitable for wheelchairs in all weather conditions
3. Passing spaces (1.8m wide) should be provided on longer paths
4. Where a path is longer than 50m a seat suitable for those with mobility difficulties and a wheelchair space should be provided every 50m.

### Internal Surfacing

1. A network of unobstructed paths should connect directly with all entrances and exits and main activity centres going around and/or through pieces of equipment.
2. Paths should be stable and suitable for wheelchair use (not sand, gravel, bark etc) and should be slip resistant without gaps in joins etc. Edges of paths should be in good repair.
3. Slopes should not exceed 1:15 (ideally not more than 1:20)
4. Any ramps etc should have a "non slip" surface
5. Different colours can be used to indicate different functions or areas (Bitmac and paving can be coloured as can rubberized surfaces).
6. Different ground textures can also be used for identification

### Surfacing

1. Safer surfacing should allow free access to wheelchairs. This normally means tiles, wet pour, or grass matting type of surfacing. Carpet surfacing, if worn or in poor condition, may have excessive resistance to wheelchairs.
2. Loose fill materials (bark, wood chip, engineered wood fibre) may allow passage for short distances (2-3m).