

SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK
**DESIGN
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EASEBOURNE COMMUNITY SPACE, EASEBOURNE



This community space and play park was very carefully planned to ensure that it sits in harmony within the land it occupies. The plans took account of the principles of a landscape led approach, benefiting from a full topographical survey so as to allow the designers to fully understand the folds and contours in the 5-acre field as well as understanding existing tree and hedge boundaries. The innovative oak trails and dens were planned to be impressive, but not to dominate. The use of natural materials was mandated where possible and the use of oak for the imaginative dens and trails has been sourced exclusively from the Cowdray Estate. The pond, having a dual function as a drain for the park as well as a source to create and sustain wild-life was designed with advice and fiscal support from SDNPA and uses only natural clay-based materials. The Park's very open feel is central to its character and success. There is a nascent bluebell wood, a wildflower bank and a boundary hedge planted with native English varieties donated by, and after advice from, the Woodland Trust.