Corrybrannan - Playground Refurbishment Soft Materials Strategy



The soft landscape design included proposed planting to the edges of the gravel paths only, in order to help define the play space and create a sense of containment. Within the rest of the play spaces it was proposed to retain the existing grassland, relaxing the mowing regime in some areas to allow the grass to grow longer and help further define the playable spaces whislt cutting mown paths to create paths through. This would significantly add to the area sense of place and special character.

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Additional tree planting would provide structure and link the to the existing trees to give the play greater connection to the wider landscape and create a natural feel.

The proposed planting would all be low maintenance and largely evergreen to ensure it had a low upkeep and has all year round interest.

Existing grassland

Proposed Sensory planting

Proposed lawn

Proposed Hedge

Native deciduous tree

Planting to the pathway edge comprises three different types. Swathes of long ornamental grasses would be mixed with clumps of Rose of Sharon Ground within shadier areas, as well as blocks of scented shrubs and herbaceous flowering plants to provide structure.

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Small native deciduous tree Malus sylvestris (Crab Apple)



Edible plants Blackberry, Raspberry, Currants to the margins of the site / hedgerows



Scented plants Lavender, Rosemary, Thyme...

Crataegus laevigata (Midland Hawthorn)



Noisy plants Quaking and popping seed pods, rustling leaves....



Colourful plants Dattodils, Bluebells, Rose of Sharon

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Textural plants Grasses, prickles, waxy leaves



Meadow plants