



Pathways at Macarthur Crescent

## DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

This project was a neighbourhood enhancement scheme by Southampton City Council's Decent Neighbourhoods Scheme, comprising of hard and soft landscaping improvements to two areas of the Townhill Park Estate in Southampton.

### **Macarthur Crescent:**

The first phase of these works included external improvements to Macarthur Crescent. These improvements included;

- The re-surfacing of roads around the estate to make them safer and smoother.
- The demolition of an existing redundant roundabout for improved traffic flow.
- The creation of additional parking bays for residents.
- The formation of a new access ramp cut into an existing bank for one of the blocks of flats with an adjacent new step access.
- The construction and resurfacing of footpaths over the soft landscaped areas.
- Hard Landscaping around exterior of existing flat blocks.
- The installation of new, more aesthetic bin stores.
- Community gardens, planting and soft landscaping of external communal areas.
- The installation of street furniture.
- Installation of improved road safety measures.
- General rejuvenation of the estate.

### **Vanguard Road:**

The second phase of the works included external improvements to Vanguard Road including;

- Hard Landscaping of areas surrounding the existing blocks of flats, including block pavements and bitmac surfacing.
- The installation of new, more aesthetic bin stores.
- The installation of a new fence to the exterior of the grassed area adjacent to the road.
- Re-surfacing / construction of footpaths from the flats to the pavements.
- The installation of a new playground area for residents.
- The rejuvenation of brick planters.
- The installation of street furniture and soft landscaped areas with planting.
- General rejuvenation of the estate.

CASE STUDY DATE: 23/11/2017

## PROJECT DETAILS

CLIENT: Southampton City Council

LOCATION: Macarthur Crescent/Vanguard Road, Southampton

START DATE: July 2016

COMPLETION DATE: April 2017

VALUE: £655,295

CONTRACT: NEC3



New Playground at Vanguard Road

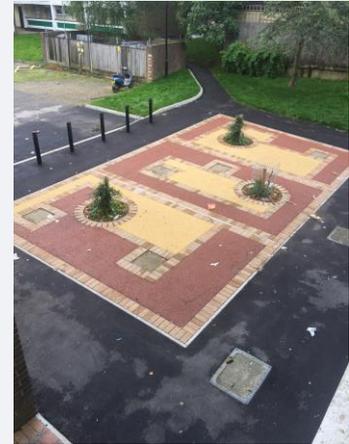
## KEY ASPECTS

- Surfacing
- Hard/Soft Landscaping
- Playground Installation
- Earthworks
- Street Furniture / brick planter Installation
- Community Engagement

## CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

This project was located in the heart of an estate surrounded by a large number of residential dwellings occupied by families. Working in a live environment such as this poses additional risks to completing the works and the project has the potential to cause a significant amount of statutory nuisance. In consideration of our working environment, this project was registered under the Considerate Constructor's Scheme and a superlative effort to mitigate our works from impacting the residents of the surrounding estate were employed.

Where this project is part of improving a community, it was important for us to engage with the community and support the interest and needs of the residents. Our community engagement on this project included ensuring the community was fully informed of the works that were being completed making ourselves fully accessible to residents, involving the community in the project with residents involved in populating the planters and beds with many people helping to create an aesthetically pleasing vegetation arrangement for their neighbourhood, an opening day event upon completion of the works to celebrate the new and improved external environment.



New Surfacing Feature

## OUTCOMES

Where this project was registered under the Considerate Constructor's Scheme, our site achieved an 'excellent' score and achieved a beyond compliance certification award.

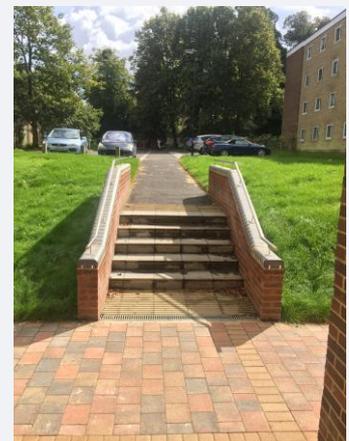
As a result of our work at Townhill Park, Southampton City Council put together a promotional video for the Decent Neighbourhoods Scheme, documenting the works we have completed featuring some of our staff involved in the project. This video also featured some of the residents of the areas the project was located, during our opening day event, expressing their views on the works and our conduct.

During the works Southampton City Council approached PTC regarding taking on apprentices that were affiliated with the Prince's Trust. We subsequently employed two apprentices on the project and who are now undergoing full apprenticeship training gaining construction skills and education.

Since the completion of the works the residents of Townhill park have put PTC forward for a TPAS award for our community engagement on this project.



New Access Ramp to Flats



New Step Access

## TESTIMONIAL

"I would like to thank you for all your hard work during the construction of pathways, parking areas and roads to the MacArthur Cres area and keeping the disruption to the residents to a bare minimum. Job Well Done." **James Lang (109 MacArthur Cres)**