



Splash, squirt, splosh and spray!

Hippo brings life and colour to Concordia Leisure Centre

Hippo Leisure has put the pazazz into the poolside at Concordia Leisure Centre, in Cramlington. The winning design from Hippo, championed by Colin Winfield, Leisure Facilities Manager, was both innovate, functional and most importantly had the best kid appeal. Hippo remained true to the brief by combining low and high level features with bright, vibrant colours to create water action in two main areas. Mixing different interactive elements provides an inclusive play scenario for all ages and abilities.

With over 45 active water points, Hippo's Waterball is positioned on the poolside, linked to a large splash bucket by a 3m span arm housing fish showers, tipping buckets and a resident pelican providing themed water fun. Meanwhile, hand wheels on the Waterball control the direction of the water squirts and create the water supply to the unique polyurethane moulded, Fill N Spill buckets ready to be hand tipped and the water released.

The second area replaces an old planter between the main leisure pool and the children's pool, creating the perfect platform for a toddler play area.

Interconnecting playful fish squirts with cascading water channels allow the children to twist and turn the paddles to control the water flow from the channels into the pool. A high level water arch provides more action over the pool itself with tipping bucket and water wheel combinations.

The surface directly surrounding the play equipment has been finished with an Aquatrol impregnated safety surface providing a non-slip, impact absorbing surface for the ultimate in safe wet play.

With a full service and maintenance package in place, Colin, can focus on running his busy leisure centre without worrying about the features failing or falling into disrepair. "I am very pleased with what we have achieved in such a short space of time and initial feedback from our customers provides proof we have invested well as 90% have commented that the refurbishment is fantastic.

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The features help brighten and liven up the pool and poolside and have contributed to making the much needed and overdue revamp of the pool area a great success” he commented.

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PHOTOS: Concordia – in action 1.jpg
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Concordia – poolside waterball.jpg
Concordia – shark shower.jpg

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