

**Castletown Town Commissioners  
Town Hall Castletown**



**NEWS RELEASE**

**The Castletown Bowling Green children's play area update.**

The Castletown Town Commissioners wish to update the community on the status of the children's play area located in the Bowling Green area.

The Commissioners have reviewed the situation of the removal and proposed installation of the new children's play equipment that the previous Board of Commissioners purchased earlier this year for the children's play, unfortunately the plans for replacing the existing equipment have not adequately progressed to enable the installation of the new play equipment to be available for this summer season.

Whilst it was the ambition of the new Board of Commissioners to have the new play equipment installed in a timely manner to enable the play area to re-open in time this summer season, it has become clear that this cannot be achieved.

The delay is due to a combination of factors such as the limited amount of work undertaken to date within the play area to remove the old swings and some play equipment that is no longer fit for use, including the removal of some areas of concrete to enable the new equipment to be installed. There continues to be a significant amount of work needed to prepare the area for the installation of the new play equipment.

Therefore, unfortunately and regrettably, after assessing the present situation, it has become obvious to the Commissioners that it is not possible to prepare the area ready for the new equipment to enable it to be installed in time for the children to enjoy during this year's summer season.

The Commissioners find the inherited situation most regrettable and wish to apologise to the community, especially the children, that the play area will have to remain closed for this summer.

The Commissioners understand the disappointment that will be felt by many children and their families who enjoy this play area in our Town centre, and the Commissioners wish to assure the community that they will be taking actions that will enable the Commissioners to advance the installation and upgrading of the children's play area within the Bowling Green as soon as possible to enable the play area be re-opened.

In the meantime, the Town's main children's play area, which is located within Poulsom Park continues to be available for the enjoyment of the children and their families.

The Commissioners have recently initiated some improvement works to improve the appearance of the play area within Poulsom Park.

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