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Welcome to Impact Leisure's Summer 2008 Newsletter

Enhancing the Visitor Experience at Chester Zoo

High Level Walkway

A new high level walkway spans a canal running through Chester Zoo and crosses a bridleway to provide new access solutions and enhance visitor enjoyment.

Constructed over 7



months the structure consists of 250m of ramps and boardwalk, two bridges and two covered structures. Impact Leisure utilised large natural round timbers to

maintain a natural jungle like feel to the structure. The new walkways have provided a second alternative bridleway crossing at a height of 4 metres above ground level within the Zoo's 110 acre visitor attraction.



Yurt



A new visitor information resource in the shape of a round Yurt building was opened to visitors at Chester Zoo in

May. Based on a traditional design the building provides a viewing gallery and educational resource to the new cheetah enclosure. Traditionally a timber framed construction covered in canvas, this Yurt has been erected using natural wood wool board and lime mortar, plastered over the walls and roof with a clear glass dome on top to allow for natural lighting. It is decorated with

traditional stencil patterns to the roof and doorways. Four window p a n e s containing



16mm toughened glass allow visitors a clear view of the new African cheetahs.



New Safe Access on Anglesey

New Boardwalk at Llyn Maelog

Llyn Maelog nr Rhosneigr on the Isle of Anglesey is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to protect the reeds and wildfowl which inhabit the area. It has seen the installation of a new boardwalk and bridge totalling 333 metres.



Old kissing gates a stile and old bridge were removed before the new boardwalk with anti-slip surface was completed in April this year. The new boardwalk allows all ability access.

Sea Wall Handrail at Llanddona

The installation of a sea wall handrail at Llanddona on the Isle of Anglesey ensures the safety of recreational users. The handrail has been installed along 608 metres of the wall to prevent the public falling and causing injury. Four passing piers have been built and a number of resurfacing and repair work carried out.



Access for Paddlers in North Wales

Commissioned by Plas Y Brenin, the National Mountain Training Centre and funded by the Welsh Canoeing Association, Impact Leisure have installed new access solutions for canoeists in Capel Curig. A stile in one location and a kissing gate in another accompanied by a boat platform to allow paddlers to pass over walls and fences easily without injury and without damaging farmers property have improved access to the River Llugwy.



Bridging the Gap at Llangelynin

Impact Leisure have installed a new footbridge over the River Gwrl at Llwyngwrl nr Barmouth for Gwynedd Council. Restricted access made installation of the 11 metre oak bridge difficult but with the use of alternative methods, the beams were put in place and the bridge erected.



The abutments have been faced with local stone.

Menai Bridge - Coed Cynol

Menai Bridge Town Council funded through the Sustainable Development Fund commissioned Impact Leisure to create footpaths including ramps and fencing in a woodland area protected by a tree preservation order near Menai Bridge in North Wales. Special care was taken to ensure minimal damage to tree roots and ground cover within the protected woodland.



New bridges along Lon Las Menai Cycle Trail

Old condemned bridges were dismantled and two new bridges were installed at Plas Brereton along Lon Las Menai, part of the Lon Las Cymru, No8 on the National Cycle Network trail, near Caernarfon, North Wales. The new 5.6 metre long bridges have been manufactured in oak with Impact's 'anti'slip' product applied to all deck boards.



The bridges were 2.5m wide and designed to also accommodate light vehicular maintenance traffic when necessary.

ROYAL WELSH SHOW

Visit us at the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells this year. We are exhibiting in the Forestry Section of the Showground from Monday 21st July to Thursday 24th July.

The Royal Welsh is one of the largest and most prestigious events of its type and brings together the farming industry and rural community in a celebration of the best of British agriculture with a unique and very special welcoming 'Welsh' atmosphere.

Come and talk to us in the Forestry Section, Stand FOR799



Outdoor Furniture

Summer is here, well at least we believe it is, and everyone's attention turns to spending more time enjoying the outdoors. Impact Leisure's reputation for the manufacture of standard and bespoke outdoor furniture goes from strength to strength. We provide a standard range of outdoor seating solutions but can also manufacture items to fit unusual spaces and furniture which allows access for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Please ask for details.



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PLAYGRASS

International Trade Israel

Impact Leisure has won a contract worth more than £1.5m to supply a major ski attraction to a new leisure complex being built in Israel.

We will export 9,000 sq/m of Playgrass Ski Carpet for use on two artificial ski slopes (a 200 metre main slope and 80 metre nursery/intermediate slope) to be built in the Gilboa Mountains. Playgrass offers a user friendly continuous carpet materials which builds skier confidence whilst reducing injuries to a minimum. It is the only ski carpet material offered

which is certified for safety when used in conjunction with a shock absorbing under layer. Playgrass Ski Carpet was created in 2000 and Impact Leisure owns the intellectual



property rights in the product which has also been used in Holland, Denmark, France and the UK. It is manufactured under licence in Cumbria.

We will also carry out design work, supply and install three ski lifts, water recycling and drainage and other systems for our client, Har Gilboa Ltd.

Impact is able to offer our client a total service, from conception to completion, with all design works being undertaken here in Wales.



The contract with Har Gilboa also covers supervision of the construction of the ski facility, with the three-month build due to start in July, and Gilboa staff training.

More updates to follow.....

Spare & Repairs

Impact Leisure can offer ski slope parts for spares or repairs. We stock misting system spares and wire ties and much more. Please contact us for details.

Ski Carpet Sales to Europe

Sales of Playgrass Ski Carpet to Europe remain strong this year. Impact Leisure have sold Playgrass to Europe for eight years now and it maintains an outstanding reputation. Similar products are available on the European market but these have proved unreliable and less durable. Customers continue to return to Impact Leisure time after time, happy in the knowledge that our product fits their purpose. Many customers who operate indoor static revolving slopes formerly replaced their carpet material annually but it is reported that Playgrass Ski Carpet is so



durable it is on it's third or fourth year already on some slopes.

Impact Leisure continues to export Playgrass to the Netherlands but we have also sold to Hungary and Bulgaria with further enquiries coming in daily for Europe and the rest of the world.

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