
Mottram Street Piazza Project

A piazza located within Mottram Street estate, north of Stockport town centre, was an area identified as a 'priority one regeneration area' as defined by Stockport's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.

The piazza is the largest area of open space within the estate, which has little usable community provision. The area, a mass of concrete overlooked by multi-storey and maisonette accommodation, was an unattractive and unusable space, which has attracted anti-social behaviour.



In conjunction with the Mottram Street Tenant and Residents Association, a series of consultation events took place across the neighbourhood including drop-in sessions, questionnaires and estate walkabouts to help generate design ideas.

Following further consultation with Stockport Homes and other partners including the Greater Manchester Police and Stockport Council's Landscape and Development Services, a

£100,000 plan for development was devised. The investment came from both Stockport Homes and the GM Procure Sense of Place fund.

The result is a mix of both formal and informal open spaces, traversed by a new footpath network.

The area includes

- Two themed garden areas
- A sensory area
- A garden based on a Japanese theme



A central feature of the space is a new tree set within an area of informal grass acting as a focus for events and activities. An area will also be created for informal play and learning.

The piazza project, which will be maintained by Stockport Homes, is supported by a resident caretaking service. Residents have also committed to projects and activities through estate walkabouts to support future maintenance.

The area is now covered by existing concierge camera systems which are operated 24 hours a day, every day, through which any issues of anti-social behaviour or required maintenance will be monitored.