



LET THE **KID** DO THE WORK

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## LITTLE HEAVYWEIGHTS

*The all-round capabilities of today's compact loaders belie their size. We talk to users about their machine of choice.*

### No plaything

**A** Kanga mini-loader is contributing to a Surrey contractor's profitability by significantly speeding up operations. The machine first attracted Peter Bennett's attention three years ago, when he saw one fitted with a borer attachment working on a playground installation.

"It struck me how compact the combination was and how quickly and cleanly it augered out the holes," says Peter, who, together with co-director Peter Mann, runs Bennetts Playcare. The 25 year-old company is based in Charlwood and specialises in the maintenance and installation of children's play equipment to the latest European standards.

The machine in question, a 16hp Kanga Kid, was purchased after looking at all the mini-loaders on demonstration at the 2005 Saltex Show. "We went for the tracked version of the loader as we need traction, especially during the winter," Peter says.

"I bought our machine initially for the

borer attachment. Then I saw the other attachments and I knew we could not do without the rock breaker for breaking up large pathways and a general purpose bucket."

As to the Kanga's on-site performance, Peter says: "The 30.5cm diameter borer creates the perfect sized hole for the playground equipment poles and post and rail fencing, and has speeded up the job tremendously.

"Two men can now erect the length of fencing in a morning that used to take them 1.5 days and, on average, we're putting in equipment in two days instead of a week. We're making more money as we can do the jobs quicker and cleaner.

"Not long after we had the Kanga, the machine and the attachments enabled us



"I thought the Kanga was the best value for money," says Peter Bennett, (inset).

to complete in three days a job that would have taken 1.5 weeks with hand digging; the loader pretty much paid for itself on that one contract."

Peter adds: "The tracks enable it to pull trailers loaded with materials across muddy sites that you can't get lorries onto. Yet it's the perfect size and, being able to turn in its own length, has the manoeuvrability for the confined space work we do. Also, it can be transported on the back of a small lorry or van." ●



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