

# French Weir

## Beautiful Green Open Space

Client: Swan Paul Architects

Address: French Weir Close, Taunton, TA1 1XJ

Budget: £160,000

Age Range: All Ages

### Project Story

French Weir Park is a beautiful green open space which has a river running alongside it. Taunton Dean Council and Swan Paul Architects wanted to make it the focal point within the community where families can meet and socialise, but in keeping with its local surroundings. A Landscape led approach was key. The challenge was its location, it sits on a flood plain meaning that changes in levels and barriers on both play equipment and the landscape had to be kept to a minimum.

Proludic and Swan Paul Architects created an area from the community wish list for junior children upwards, this included a multi-play unit from our Ixo range which is one of the more challenging pieces of equipment. This has minimal panels so should the area flood it won't affect the flow of water. In addition to this, equipment from our dynamic range was also specified, which is designed with extreme sports in mind. The area has now become a key park and loved by all in the local community. It has clean pathways which makes it accessible for all and peaceful seating areas.



We worked with Proludic on a successful collaborative project in which they had to fit the right play equipment into our overall design approach. It's a great area that had fantastic community support from the outset of the project and is truly enjoyed by everyone.



- Louise Baugh, Senior landscape Architect, Swan Paul





Sand Factory



Sand Digger



Climbing structures



Vertical World



## Play Spaces for The Whole Community

Playgrounds provide opportunities for local communities to come together at many different levels. They appeal to all ages, abilities and backgrounds, and they help both children and adults to meet and make friends. Creating a play space for varying age groups also encourages families to be active and have fun together.