

A SOCIAL HUB FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



CHAUNDLER ROAD PLAY AREA

Client: Winchester City Council

Address: Abbots Barton, SO23 7HW

Budget: £100,000

Age Range: Toddlers, Juniors

Ranges: Diabolo

Surfacing: Wetpour

Project Story: Following the successful 2023 £150,000 renovation of North Walls Recreation Ground, Proludic once again partnered with Winchester City Council to deliver the refurbishment of Chaundler Road Play Area in 2025. Located in the Abbots Barton area of Winchester, this valued neighbourhood space forms part of the Council's wider network of equipped play areas. The brief prioritised environmental responsibility, the retention and repair of existing equipment, and the creation of an inclusive, welcoming destination for the whole community.

“ I’m really pleased with how many play values we’ve squeezed into this design, and how the choices reflect the wishes of the community. There are also some great inclusive features and initiatives for the environment ”

Tim Bird
Senior Area Manager, Proludic



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Accessible from two years and accommodating up to 30 users, it combines climbing, sliding and elevated play opportunities. Other additions include a Wheelchair Accessible Roundabout, EuroTramp in-ground trampoline with enhanced drainage, **Climbing Hut (J254)**, **Senior Jumping Bar**, **Ball Game panel** and **inclusive Metal Combination Swing with pod, cradle, flat and inclusive seats**. Sensory and communication panels further enhance social and multi-sensory play.

Set on a natural slope near the River Itchen, the site required careful consideration throughout design and construction. Equipment was sensitively positioned to work with the gradient, with cutting and filling undertaken where necessary. The riverside setting inspired the inclusion of a bespoke **Swan Inclusive Springer**, celebrating local wildlife and creating a strong visual identity.

Twelve new pieces of equipment were installed, bringing the total to 15 play items serving up to 80 users and delivering 92 play values. At the heart of the scheme is the **Diabolo Multiplay Unit (J3851-HDPE)**, constructed using 100% recycled plastic posts and 80-100% recycled HDPE panels made from household and industrial waste.



Community consultation shaped the final design. Existing favourites such as the **Aerospeed cableway**, now a new 27-metre-long feature, and the **Ixo multi-play unit** were refurbished with new metal posts, while the **Hip Hop (J2410)** was replaced with an updated model. New wetpour surfacing was skimmed over existing areas, removing unsightly joins and trip hazards. The recycled Nike Grind wetpour incorporates material equivalent to approximately 7,224 recycled pairs of shoes. Alphabet Caterpillar thermographics welcome visitors, reinforcing Chaundler Road's identity as a vibrant, inclusive social hub for the whole community.

