SMOOTH, EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE



MULTIPLE SITES ACROSS BRIGHTON & HOVE

Client: Brighton & Hove City Council

Address: Locations across Brighton

Budget: £1.2 million

Age Range: Toddler, Junior, Teenagers

Ranges: ACTI'Ninja, Vivarea, Metropolis, Diabolo

Surfacing: Wetpour, Bark, Tarmac

Project Story: Proludic has maintained a strong working relationship with Brighton & Hove City Council since 2006, collaborating on numerous playground projects across the region. Known for their heavy use, exposure to coastal saline conditions, and occasional vandalism, playgrounds and outdoor gyms in Brighton & Hove demand high-quality, robust equipment. Proludic's past installations have demonstrated exceptional longevity and resilience in these challenging conditions. As a result of this proven track record, combined with a compelling range of new innovative designs, Proludic was appointed in 2024 to deliver all 12 of the Council's new playgrounds, alongside two outdoor gym sites.

The 12 projects were commissioned across three separate tenders, with individual site budgets ranging from £25,000 to £300,000. The locations varied in size, terrain and surfacing, requiring tailored approaches for each. Despite these differences, the Council's core design priorities remained consistent: all projects needed to deliver on durability, accessibility and inclusive play.

> « I'm so proud of all the accessible and inclusive features we included at each site, and how painless and efficient the installations were. It was incredibly smooth, given we delivered 12 playgrounds and 2 large-scale gyms at the same time! »

Tim Bird
Area Manager (South-East)





Hollingbury Park

Each site presented a unique opportunity for creative and practical design solutions. At Happy Valley, Proludic addressed access challenges by installing a SUDS bond permeable path, alongside inclusive play equipment such as a multi-play unit with wide-access steps and a double-width slide. An adventurous bark-pit play zone, featuring a dynamic multi-play structure and seesaw, added excitement for older children.

In Hollingbury Park, a rocket-themed multi-play unit paid homage to the site's historic nickname, 'Rocket Park'. The design also catered to older children and teens, with the inclusion of a cantilever swing and teen-friendly seats for greater comfort and usability.



William Clarke Park

At William Clarke Park, the project involved a full renovation of the surfacing, removal of old wetpour and repositioning of existing swings. The design took inspiration from the site's heritage, incorporating train-themed graphics and a bespoke train ticket office to reflect the disused railway line that once ran through the area.

Mackie Park's redevelopment focused on providing challenge and engagement for older children. A custom-built Ninja Trail introduced risk and excitement through elements like slanted steppers, arched monkey bars, a clamber wall, and a rope net. The trail also featured a solar-powered stopwatch, encouraging users to track their personal bests or compete with friends.

Community engagement through consultation played an important role in shaping the outcomes. Brighton & Hove City Council led the initial consultation work to define the briefs, followed by public drop-in sessions at each site where residents could meet Council and Proludic representatives, view the plans and provide valuable feedback.

Delivering 12 diverse sites simultaneously presented considerable logistical and operational challenges. However, the project was successfully completed on schedule and within budget, thanks to the efficiency of Proludic's Contracts Team and the strong collaboration with trusted local contractors Pankhurst Plant Ltd and Cosmo Construction. The result is a cohesive network of safe, durable and inclusive play and outdoor gym spaces across Brighton & Hove that will benefit communities for years to come.



Mackie Park