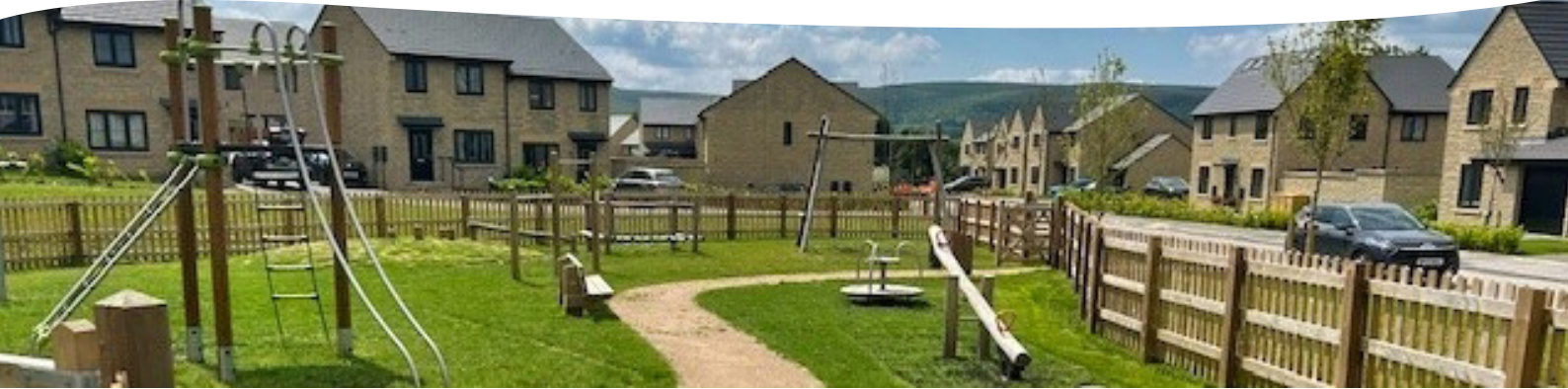


MAXIMISING PLAY VALUE WITHIN A FIXED BUDGET



THE CALDERS PLAY AREA

Client:	Miller Homes North West
Address:	Red Lees Road, Burnley BB10 4RD
Budget:	£40,000
Age Range:	Toddlers, Juniors
Ranges:	Origin'
Surfacing:	Grassmat

Project Story: Proludic was selected via competitive tender to deliver the play area at Miller Homes' Northwest development, **The Calders**, located in the picturesque hillside village of **Cliviger**, near Burnley. The site had already gained planning approval, so the design brief required a like-for-like match in terms of age suitability, play value, and materials. Despite these constraints, Proludic not only met but enhanced the original specification, while remaining within a fixed budget.

By carefully selecting equipment with high play value, including the **Ixo Multiplay Unit** with timber posts and several pieces from the **Origin' range**, we were able to increase challenge and variety, particularly for older children. These included **natural-looking seesaws (J4920A)**, **clatter bridges (J4900A)**, balancing beams, and a **springer (J880A)**, all made from robust Robinia wood, chosen for its durability and organic appearance. Popular classics, such as the **flat seat swing (J490A)** and the **roundabout (J49142)**, were retained to ensure a well-rounded experience.



This project really showcases how smart design choices and natural materials like Robinia can maximise play value, even within a tight budget, delivering a space the whole community can enjoy.

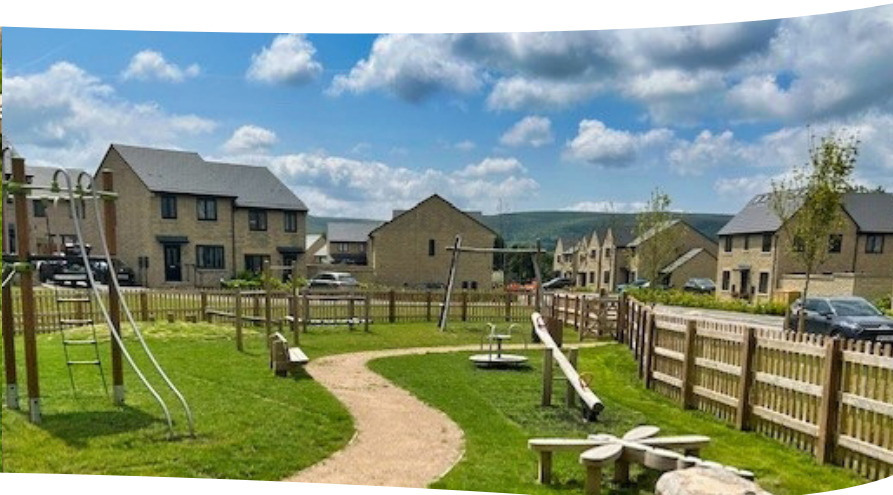


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A dedicated **nature corner** was created to encourage outdoor learning and environmental awareness. Here, families can build **bug hotels** using materials found during local walks, fostering a deeper connection with nature. The addition of the **wooden dragonfly sculpture** further reinforces the theme, celebrating the site's rural character and native wildlife.

The compact size of the site posed a challenge due to the larger safety zones required by high-quality equipment. Through strategic layout planning, all elements were safely accommodated without compromising the original design intent. **Grassmat surfacing** was used across the site to preserve the natural grassy aesthetic, and a **meandering path** gently guides visitors through the space, promoting exploration.



The result is a **multi-generational, nature-inspired play area** that offers inclusive, imaginative, and physically engaging play opportunities - creating a vibrant communal space where residents can play, socialise and connect with their environment.



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