

FLIPPING THE GAME: HOW COALBURN TRANSFORMED A TENNIS COURT INTO A SKATER'S HAVEN



COALBURN LEISURE COMPLEX

Client:	South Lanarkshire Council & Coalburn Community Council
Address:	School Rd, Coalburn, Lanark ML11 0LP
Budget:	£100,000
Age Range:	Juniors, Teenagers
Ranges:	Rhino Ramps
Surfacing:	Concrete

Project Story: A former tennis court at Coalburn Leisure Complex was transformed into a new skate park, forming part of a wider community recreation space that includes a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) and a children's play area. The project was driven by South Lanarkshire Council's landscape architects, who led the design process and collaborated closely with the local skating community to ensure the facility met a wide range of needs. As part of the design process, they engaged Proludic, the exclusive UK distributor for Rhino Ramps, to supply the skate equipment. The Council's team collaborated with Proludic to develop a design and select the right combination of equipment to suit the needs of the end users, needed to deliver on durability, accessibility and inclusive play.



This project shows what's possible when councils and communities work together. We were proud to supply high-quality equipment that supports skaters of all levels in such a meaningful, inclusive space.



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Key features of the skate park include a 1.5-metre quarter and half pipe with three lanes, a 1.5-metre flat bank, a funbox combination, both standard and kinked grind rails, and a 1.5-metre roll-in. This layout was carefully considered to offer variety and progression opportunities for beginners through to more experienced users.



The client received the Rhino Ramp equipment in April 2025. The project was funded through a joint effort between the local community group and South Lanarkshire Council, demonstrating a successful partnership model. This investment was particularly significant given that Coalburn ranks among the most deprived areas in Scotland, with a number of its areas falling within the lowest 20% nationally. By creating an inclusive and purpose-built recreational space, the initiative aimed to enhance the wellbeing and opportunities of local young people, providing a much-needed outlet for physical activity and community engagement in a disadvantaged area.



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