CASE STUDY

MULTI-SITE INSTALLATION STRIKES RIGHT CHORD WITH COMMUNITY!





Seafield Gardens Play Area

EAST DEVON SITE INSTALLS

Client:	East Devon District Council
Address:	Brixington Road, Honiton, EX8 4NX Seafield Road, Seaton, EX12 2QS Mead Way, Seaton, EX12 2NR Cherry Close, Honiton, EX14 2XT
Budget:	£325,000
Age Range:	Toddler, Junior, Inclusive
Ranges:	Themed, IXO, Diabolo, Biibox
Surfacing:	Grass mat, Wetpour

Project Story: At the beginning of 2020, Proludic won a large multi-site Local Authority tender for the rejuvenation of 4 existing play spaces in East Devon against stiff competition. The Authority initially went through a consultation process and each play area had a unique brief requiring an innovative design. All the new play areas were to be themed and offer a variety of equipment for all ages. Here is an outline of what Proludic delivered.

Seafield Gardens play area (shown above) is located in the town of Seaton on the Jurassic coastline and as a result, it was felt that Dinosaurs should feature in this space. A Jurassic themed design was created incorporating a bespoke Dino Multiplay Unit with two climbing walls, four-meter monkey bars and an Aerial Runway built into the Multiplay Unit.

The second site is the sea-inspired play space at Brixington, Honiton which pays homage to the close-by Exmouth Lifeboat Station with a replica lifeboat. This design also incorporates an 8m long tunnel slide, 3m high climbing frame, a Rope end swing and a large junior IXO Multiplay unit.

Located in Seaton town, the Meadway play area had limited space to work with and Proludic had to be particularly creative in delivering on the play values requested by the community. The finished play area included a bespoke Junior Multiplay Unit from Proludic's Biibox range to meet as many of the community's requirements as possible.

The Cherry Tree play area in Honiton sits adjacent to a busy train commuter line. Therefore, the theme of trains was adopted to emphasise this feature of the landscape and a toddler train station with an engine, carriages and sleeper train tracks were incorporated into the build. The large Junior Multiplay unit has an exciting helter-skelter slide, climbing wall and challenging modern ladder to climb.



Meadway Play Area Design



Cherry Tree Play Area



Brixington Play Area

<< The play areas look fantastic and I'm sure they will be enjoyed by children for many years to come. It's great that each one has a theme that fits in with the local area. I'm proud that I was able to officially open these exciting play areas with their new lease of life. >>

Councillor Cathy Gardner,
Chair of East Devon District Council

Problems and solutions

Across all four sites, Covid-19 lockdown restrictions hampered construction efforts during these periods as all work had to adhere to strict guidelines around safe practice. To ensure the safety of our workforce and that of our contractors Proludic's Contracts Team created new RAMS (Risk Assessment and Method Statement) conforming to government guidelines that allowed us to deliver to the revised program of works reconfigured with the Authority.





<< A big thank you to all the children and young people who got involved and had their say. I'm very pleased that we were able to commit to funding improvements to this play areas, which were both at the end of their lives. I'm looking forward to seeing the children and young people who helped design the play area enjoying it. >>

Councillor Geoff Jung,
EDDC portfolio holder for coast, country and environment

A concern from a Cherry Close home-owner was received by the client relating to the proposed location of items outlined during the final consultation with residents. To allay this concern from a member of the public Proludic provided the client with additional design work to help showcase the final layout to the resident. The design was altered with the client to take on board these comments and a re-orientated of units delivered a satisfactory outcome with the stakeholders and member of the public.

Access to this site also proved problematic and it was agreed with the client that we were able to remove a bollard during the construction phase to gain entry. Upon completion, the bollard was reinstated with an upgraded version.

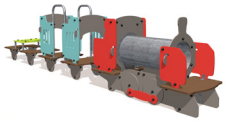
Selected Products



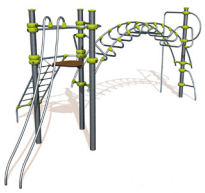
J1956 Trawler Multiplay Unit (colour changed for Life Guard theme)



J3851 Diabolo Multiplay Unit



J2616 Play Train



J2535 Ixo Metal Multiplay Unit



Z15-0012 Baby Dino



J442 Metal Rope Swing