

CREATING ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMONIOUS PLAY IN HUGGLESCOTE



HUGGLESCOTE GRANGE PLAY AREA

Client:	Harworth Group
Address:	Hugglescote, Coalville LE67 2BT
Budget:	£140,000
Age Range:	Toddler, Juniors
Ranges:	Origin', Origin' Major Projects
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: Hugglescote Grange, located on the edge of the village of Hugglescote near Coalville, is an outstanding new community featuring around 2,700 high-quality family homes built by Redrow Homes, Bellway Homes and Morris Homes as part of a wider Harworth Group development. The scheme was created to combine village life with excellent connections to local amenities, schools and the surrounding countryside. 41% of the site is dedicated to green spaces, including National Forest planting and a recently opened brand-new Forest school - Coalville promotes biodiversity and healthier lifestyles.

Proludic's challenge was to design a play space that would harmonise with the newly created natural landscape, which includes an adjacent attenuation pond, mature planting and open grassy areas. The design needed to appeal to toddlers, juniors and their carers while providing opportunities for Inclusive, imaginative, physical and social play. It also needed to create a focal point for the wider community to gather, relax and enjoy the outdoors.

“ We're proud to have been chosen again to create a natural, imaginative play space for Hugglescote Grange, that blends beautifully with the landscape and brings families together outdoors. ”



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The client's brief emphasised a natural aesthetic and the use of robust materials to complement the environment. Proludic responded with a design from its **Origin' Robinia wood range**, chosen for its organic appearance and ability to blend seamlessly into the surrounding landscape. The scheme incorporated taller structures from the **Origin' Major Projects range**, introducing more challenging play opportunities for older children while maintaining a cohesive natural look.

Among the installed features were the **J49105 Lily Pad Wooden Springer**, offering opportunities for shared play; the **J4910 Suspended Rings**, encouraging strength and coordination; and the **J489 Double Swing**, with both flat and cradle seats to accommodate different age groups. Additional elements such as **pixel panel**, a spinning bowl and a network of connecting paths completed the space, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.



The main attractions are the two multi-play bird's nest towers, both designed to resemble trees and blend seamlessly with the natural surroundings. Green elements wrap around the wooden structures at the top to emulate a nest, adding a magical, nature-inspired touch to the play experience.

One tower features a **spiral slide** that winds gracefully to the ground, offering a thrilling descent. The second tower is connected to an interactive play unit, allowing children to crawl through a series of **cylindrical tunnels** before reaching the slide. This unit can also be seen as an extended branch, enhancing the realistic tree-like design.

The sloping site presented engineering challenges, requiring careful ground modelling and the integration of appropriate safety surfacing adjacent to an attenuation basin. Through close collaboration with the landscape architects and Harworth Estates, Proludic delivered a play area that not only met but exceeded expectations, creating a safe, engaging and visually harmonious environment that families and residents can enjoy for years to come.



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