

Wooden Roman-themed Play Area by the Antonine Wall

KINNEIL ESTATE PLAY AREA

Client: Falkirk Council

Address: Duchess Anne Cottages,
Bo'ness, EH51 0PR

Budget: £190,000

Age Range: Toddlers, Juniors &
Teens

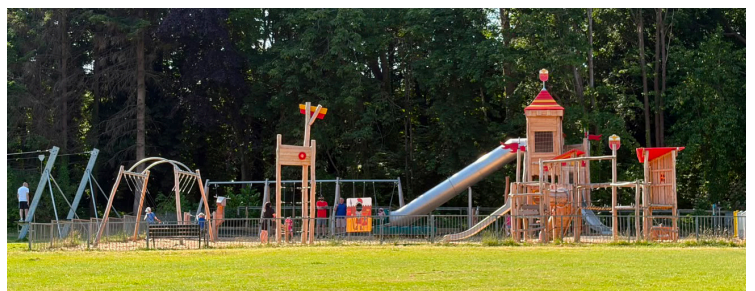
Ranges: Major Projects Origin'

Surfacing: Wetpour, Bark

Falkirk Council invited four companies to submit designs for the £190,000 regeneration of the existing play area at Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness. The brief called for a high-quality, inclusive play space that reflected the site's unique heritage and its close connection to the Antonine Wall. Following community consultation and a public vote, Proludic's Roman-inspired design was selected as the winning scheme, receiving 46% of the 367 votes cast.

“ In spite of the many challenges caused by the wettest weather in memory, we managed to work through and complete the project before the school summer holidays. ”

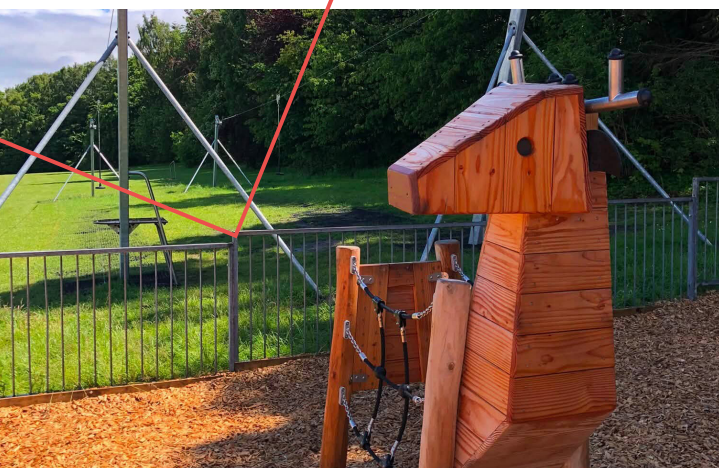
Stewart Wallace -
Estates Management Officer
Falkirk Council





The completed play area celebrates 2,000 years of local history through a bold Roman theme. At the heart of the design is a bespoke wooden Roman Fort tower, standing over 6 metres high (J49201). This dramatic centrepiece provides 19 individual play values and can accommodate up to 36 users, offering climbing, sliding, sensory play and imaginative role play. Children can climb to defend the fort, race down stainless-steel slides, or continue their adventure across double cableways, imagining themselves as Roman messengers crossing the fortress.

The design also includes a Roman Outpost (J49174), Roman Chariot Springer, Roman battering ram rope swing (J499) and Centurion Head Hole panel, all reinforcing the heritage theme. The much-loved vintage rocking horse was also retained and restored, preserving a feature that has entertained generations of local children. Inclusive elements, including an accessible roundabout, a trampoline, and varied swing seats, ensure that children of different ages and abilities can play together.



The main challenge during delivery was prolonged heavy rain, which created difficult ground conditions throughout installation. Despite this, the project was successfully completed and opened in June 2026, creating a distinctive destination play area that blends local history, inclusive play, adventure and community pride.