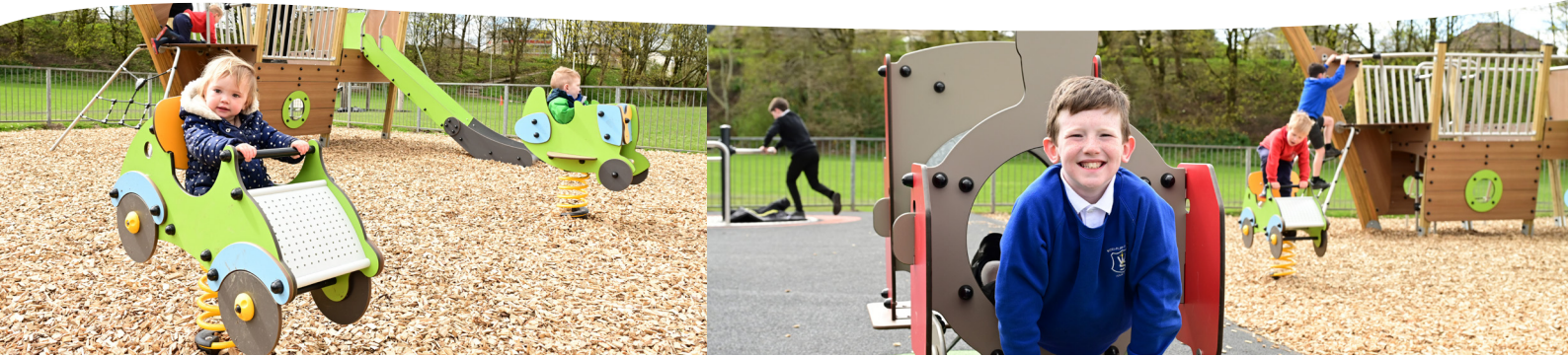


INCLUSIVE PLAY HAS ARRIVED AT QUARRY PARK, FALKIRK!



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Client:	Falkirk Council
Address:	Quarry Brae, Brightons, FK2 0SX
Budget:	£85,000
Age Range:	Toddler, Junior, Teenagers,
Ranges:	Dynamic, Inclusive, Traditional,
Surfacing:	Wetpour, Loose fill

Project Story: Falkirk Council collaborated with the local community group, Friends of Quarry Park, and Proludic Limited to successfully refurbish the play area within Quarry Park, located in the Brighton's district. The goal of the project was to modernise and expand the play facilities, making them more inclusive and accessible to children of all ages and abilities.

The funding for this ambitious project was a joint effort between Friends of Quarry Park and Falkirk Council. Contributions were raised through the Landfill Communities Fund and the Scottish Government's Play Renewables initiative. In addition, a comprehensive consultation process was conducted, involving the wider community and local schools, ensuring the design and equipment choices reflected the needs and aspirations of residents. Proludic, a specialist in playground equipment, was enlisted to remove outdated structures and provide a modern, inclusive solution on the space. Their design fulfilled both the thematic and accessibility needs identified by the community.

“Roy and his (Proludic) team did a great job from award of tender to final handover of this project and kept us informed every step of the way, we had a few unforeseen issues during the install which Steven the project manager sorted for us very quickly, between site progress meetings Steven (Proludic's Contract Manager) sent regular updates with pictures so we had a record of how our new play area was taking shape. The completed project has been very well received by the local community.”

Mr Stewart Wallace
Area Estates Officer
Falkirk Council



Key features of the redesigned play area include:

- A combination of swings including a pod swing (J493A), inclusive roundabout (J2409), sensory panel, and an inclusive seesaw (J987) suitable for two wheelchairs, making the area fully accessible to children with varying abilities.
- The community had requested a transport-themed play area, which Proludic incorporated with a Trawler multiplay unit (J1956), along with a railway train (J2617) to enhance imaginative play.
- A new Roll Runner (J3510) was installed, offering a dynamic and engaging play experience, along with swings catering to both toddlers and older children.



Challenges and Solutions

One of the major challenges faced by the Proludic installation team during the refurbishment was the removal of the old tarmac, fencing, and outdated play equipment. However, through careful planning and execution, Proludic and the Council were able to overcome these obstacles, successfully replacing the old swings and climbing frames with state-of-the-art equipment.

The park has now doubled in size, featuring a cableway zip slide, and the modernised facilities have made a significant difference in the park's appeal and accessibility. Quarry Park is just one of four play parks in the district where Falkirk Council is investing to improve play facilities for children. The project demonstrates a commitment to providing new, inclusive, and engaging play opportunities for all.

The grand opening of the park was marked by a ceremony led by Councillor Siobhan Paterson, accompanied by music from the Wallacestone Pipe Band. This successful partnership between Falkirk Council and Friends of Quarry Park highlights the positive impact that community involvement and collaboration can have on local amenities. The £40,000 funding secured by Friends of Quarry Park from the Landfill Communities Fund via EB Scotland was instrumental in transforming the park into a vibrant and inclusive space for the whole community to enjoy.

