

HONOURING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE



SEELY PARK, CALVERTON

Client:	Calverton Parish Council
Address:	Main Street, Calverton, NG14 6FE
Budget:	£284,798
Age Range:	Toddler, Junior
Ranges:	Themed, Inclusive, Traditional
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: The redevelopment of Seely Park's play area was carefully planned in two phases, ensuring a dynamic and engaging space for all ages while paying homage to the area's rich mining heritage. The project seamlessly combines modern, futuristic play equipment with subtle historical references, creating an inclusive and vibrant community space.

Phase One: Exciting Play for Older Children

The first phase introduced high-energy equipment designed to engage older children. Key features included:

- **Double Cableway** – Leveraging the site's natural incline for an exhilarating ride.

“We're thrilled to have been part of the successful opening of Seely Park's new Metropolis-themed playground in Calverton. The community is already enjoying the vibrant, city-inspired play equipment and themed aesthetics we've created. At Proludic, we focus on designing spaces that inspire active play and social interaction, and we're excited to see Seely Park become a hub for families.”

Kiran Chouhan
Area Manager
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- **Tall Climbing Net** – Providing children with a panoramic view of the park, cricket field, and surrounding woodlands.

These additions encouraged adventure, exploration, and physical activity in a thrilling yet challenging environment.

Phase Two: Inclusive and Accessible Play for Toddlers

The second phase focused on accessibility, inclusivity, and a visually striking design:

- **New Footpath** – Direct access from the park entrance, ensuring ease of use for wheelchair users and families with pushchairs.
- **Themed Play Equipment** – A tower (**J47101**), submarine (**J47450**), and dragster (**J3601**) from Proludic's Metropolis range, along with a custom-designed inclusive seesaw.
- **Thematic Surfacing** – Colourful wet pour rubber, mirroring the cogs and pulleys of the Metropolis equipment for an immersive experience.

Planning permission was required for the tower, which exceeded 4m in height, but this addition significantly enhanced the overall play value.



Overcoming Challenges: Engineering a Playful Landscape

The site's steep terrain required careful engineering:

- **50 tonnes of soil excavated** to level the ground and extend the play area safely.



- Structural reinforcement ensured long-term durability and stability.

This groundwork was essential to creating a safe and engaging play space.

Community Involvement: A Play Area Shaped by Local Children

The project was made possible through funding from FCC Environment and the local council. Community engagement played a crucial role:

- Consultations with three local primary schools allowed children to select the Metropolis design.
- Creative workshops saw children cutting out play equipment from brochures and designing their dream playgrounds.

A Unique Tribute to Local Mining History

Seely Park's new play area blends futuristic and steampunk-inspired design with elements reflecting the village's rich mining past. Until the 1980s, the area was home to a thriving colliery and coal-producing community. The intricate cogs and wheels of the play equipment subtly nod to this industrial heritage.

Designed to integrate with the sloped landscape, the new play space is now a hub for families, fostering play, community connection, and a lasting link between past and future.

With a focus on family-friendly fun, inclusivity, and heritage, Seely Park's transformation is a testament to the power of thoughtful design and community collaboration.

