

Play is Always Sunny with Proludic

Proludic
Designer of play and sports areas



SUNNY CRESCENT PLAY AREA

Client: Neath Port Talbot
County Borough Council

Address: Sunny Crescent,
Port Talbot, SA13 3PQ

Budget: £130,000

Age Range: Toddlers, Juniors

Ranges: Diabolo

Surfacing: Wetpour

As part of Neath Port Talbot Council's wider £2.5 million, three-year programme to replace or repair play sites across the borough, Proludic was appointed to upgrade this existing play area and create a more engaging, inclusive and durable space for the local community.

The client's focus was centred on the existing toddler area, while also introducing additional play opportunities for older children. Pre-tender consultation had highlighted the importance of maximising play value, improved inclusive provision, and making better use of the existing mound by incorporating it as a key play feature with a slide. The site had also experienced some issues with anti-social behaviour, despite being overlooked by nearby houses, so the design needed to encourage positive use by a wider age range.

**RESULT OF
CUSTOMER
SATISFACTION
SURVEY:**

**Overall
Service**



Excellent





Proludic developed a scheme that extended the play area to make best use of the available space and increase the amount of play provision. An inclusive toddler unit was introduced as a focal point, supported by inclusive swings, a wheelchair-accessible roundabout and an inclusive trampoline. These features ensured that children of different ages and abilities could play together within the same space.



The final design carefully fills the available space and introduces new play values that were not previously present. A challenging balance trail encourages children to move through the space towards the Junior Metal Monkey Bars (JPS21), supporting climbing, agility and coordination. A 2.5m Pyramid Climber adds height and physical challenge, while the Cottage Playhouse provides imaginative and social play for younger users.

The site was relatively tight, meaning some items had to be repositioned from the original layout. Proludic worked flexibly to find practical solutions that maintained the design intent while meeting the client's requirements.

By selecting equipment that was durable, robust and inclusive, Proludic delivered a play space that responded directly to the consultation feedback, maximised play value, and provided a long-lasting facility fit for the local community for many years to come.



“Proludic were excellent to work with from start to finish. Their weekly video progress updates were both informative and valuable, providing clear insight throughout the project. They have successfully transformed the ambitious design for Sunny Crescent playground into a creative and engaging reality, delivering a welcoming, inclusive, and high-quality play space for the whole community to enjoy.”

Matthew Jones,
Green Spaces Officer
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council