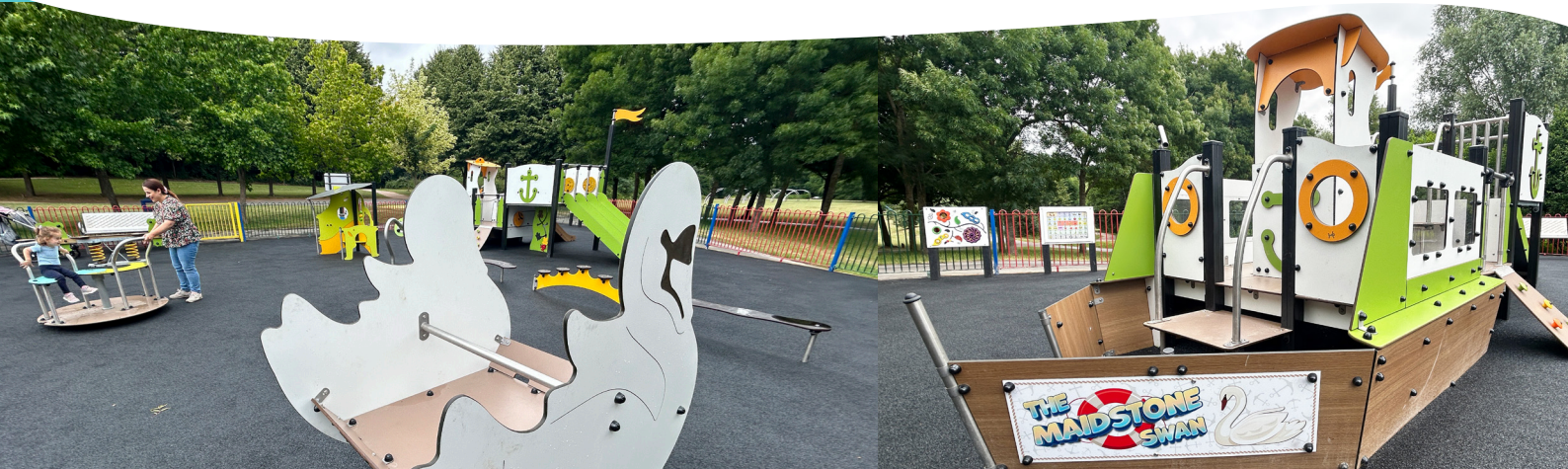


ALL ABOARD! RIVER-THEMED FUN FOR ALL ABILITIES AT WHATMAN PARK



WHATMAN PARK PLAY AREA

Client:	Maidstone Borough Council
Address:	St. Peters Street, Maidstone, ME16 0GB
Budget:	£95,000
Age Range:	Toddlers, Juniors
Ranges:	Diabolo
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: Maidstone Borough Council released a 100% quality-focused tender, placing significant emphasis on inclusivity and imaginative appeal. This visionary specification immediately caught Proludic's attention and a guided site visit to Whatman Park inspired our design team to reimagine the entire space.

The existing playground was in decline, with worn-out equipment, deteriorating surfacing, and a failing retaining wall. Our comprehensive submission addressed all these issues, combining practical solutions with exciting play features to delight children of all abilities.

At the heart of the design is a **custom-built boat multiplay unit** packed with inclusive and accessible features. At ground level, tactile and sensory activities invite children to explore and interact with **bespoke play panels**. The lower deck features a **double-width slide**, enabling disabled users to enjoy sliding alongside a parent or sibling. From the top deck, **three parallel slides** encourage friendly competition as children race to the bottom.



Complementing this striking centrepiece, the playground includes a **swan-themed multi-springer**, a **wheelchair-transferable roundabout**, and a **balance trail** to develop coordination and vestibular skills. A **cradle swing**, a **flat swing**, and a **pod swing** from our iconic green Kanope range ensure there is an option for every preference and ability.

Key equipment included the **(J2404) roundabout** for younger children, the **(J231A) Elf Playhouse**, the **(J433) swing including cradle seat**, classic **(J14) rocking path balance trail**, the **(J3410) Tubophone sound equipment** and the **(J985) Tree Frogs seesaw**. Together along with the focal piece, these items create a diverse, inclusive, and engaging play environment.



To ensure longevity and easy maintenance, we installed **black wetpour surfacing** and a **new timber sleeper retaining wall supported by robust concrete foundations**. All construction was completed by trusted sub-contractors, and delivered on time, on budget, and to the highest standards.

Despite the remote site location in a larger park and restricted access through a narrow tunnel, intelligent logistics planning and selective delivery vehicles enabled smooth installation. The result is a vibrant, inclusive, and resilient play space celebrating local heritage while providing rich play experiences for children of all abilities.



Proludic captured the theme of our brief and the old toddler play area has been replaced with an exciting range of equipment which encourages imaginative play and reflects the riverside setting. The project was delivered within the contract period, any issues were quickly resolved and the site was left neat and tidy ready for reopening.



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