

A ONE-STOP SHOP FOR PLAY – INCLUSIVE FUN FOR EVERY AGE AND ABILITY



TARDY GATE PLAY AREA

- Client:** South Ribble Borough Council
- Address:** Tardy Gate Playing Field, Lostock Hall, Preston PR5 5JJ
- Budget:** £265,000
- Age Range:** Toddlers, Juniors, Teens
- Ranges:** Diabolo, ACTI'Ninja
- Surfacing:** Artificial carpet

Project Story: The goal for the Tardy Gate play area refurbishment was to create a 'one-stop shop for play' – a vibrant and inclusive environment that caters to a wide range of ages and abilities. Working with the local authority, Proludic designed a multi-zoned play space that encourages physical activity, social interaction and imaginative play, all while promoting accessibility and inclusion.

The much-needed refurbishment was secured through a competitive tender process, bringing a fresh burst of colour, energy and activity to this well-loved community space. In addition to the added play zones and equipment, the site's existing tarmac and artificial carpet surfacing were revitalised and complemented with thermoplastic graphics to add playful, visual appeal. The existing teen shelter has been repainted, breathing new life into a familiar structure and enhancing the park's overall aesthetic.



I love the ninja trail, it's my favourite part of this park. I always come here with my brother and we challenge each other. I always win, obviously.



Local teen





Each play zone offers a unique experience: younger children can explore and develop their skills on the **J3851A Diabolo Multiplay Unit**, while older ones are challenged by the larger **J38117A Diabolo Multiplay Unit** and the dynamic **Acti'Ninja trail**, complete with a **solar-powered stopwatch panel** for timed challenges and friendly competition.

An **inclusive wheelchair-accessible roundabout** and set of brightly coloured **interactive shop play panels** ensure that children of all abilities can join in the fun, reinforcing the park's commitment to inclusive play.

Adjacent to the play area, the **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** offers facilities for football, basketball, netball, cricket and skating, alongside dedicated skate ramps. The MUGA features bright, vibrant colours and lower side panels, creating an open and welcoming atmosphere that encourages both participation and spectating – in contrast to traditional, cage-style enclosures.



“ It's been fantastic to see the transformation of Tardy Gate Play Area into such a vibrant and inclusive community space. The new design truly offers something for everyone, from toddlers discovering play for the first time to teens finding friendly competition with the Acti'Ninja trail. ”

Kate Insley
Proludic Area Manager

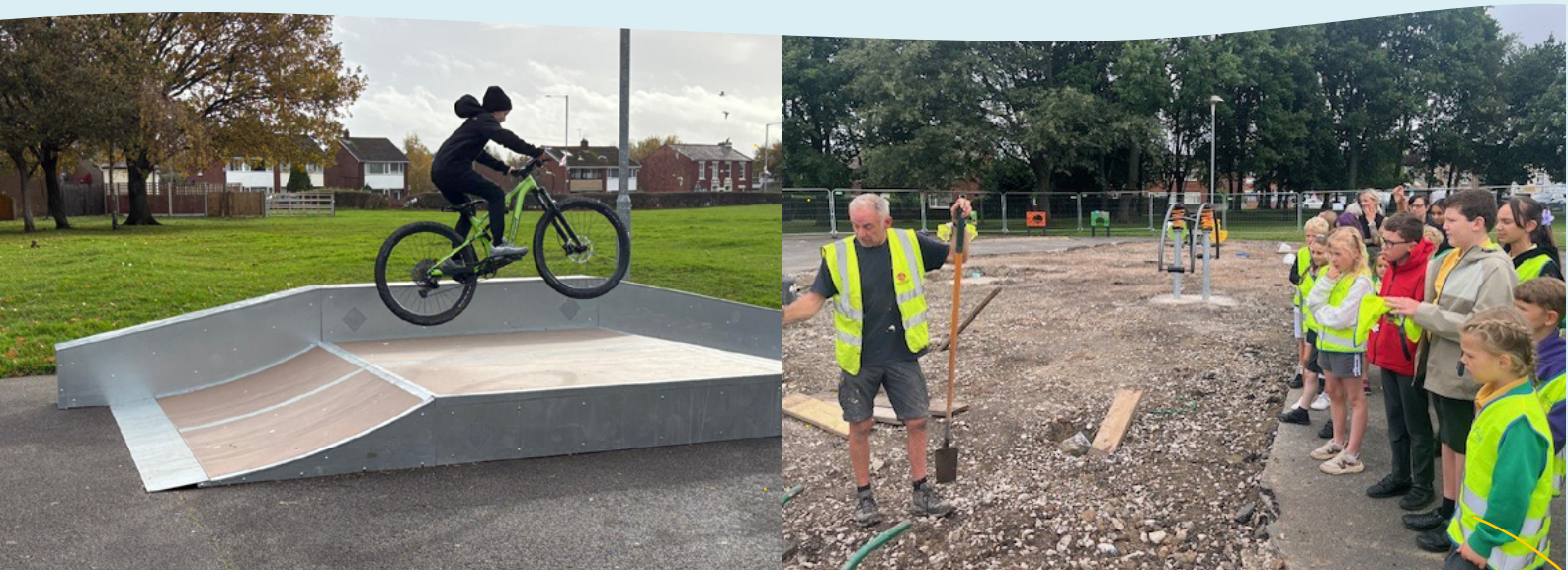


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The refurbished Tardy Gate Play Area now stands as a hub of inclusive play, combining imaginative design with robust functionality. It's a space where children and families of all ages can come together to play, connect and grow.

Proludic Area Sales Manager Kate Insley carried out a site visit with local children, allowing them to see their new park taking shape and fostering a sense of ownership and excitement among the young community members.



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