

Castlecomer Demesne Playground, Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny by Claire Murphy Kilkenny County Council

The Castlecomer Demesne Playground was constructed in 2005. It was one of five playgrounds built by Kilkenny County Council that year.

The Playground was constructed and designed by The Children's Playground Company who use Robinia wood as the main material to construct their play equipment. The Children's Playground Company were chosen from a tender selection process as it was felt their proposals for the playground had the highest play value and the natural material would suit the wooded setting where the playground was to be located.

The playground was designed following extensive consultation with local children. The playground designers were also asked to base their design around a mining theme to reflect Castlecomer's rich coal mining heritage. The playground equipment reflects this theme with the provision of equipment to resemble items such as a truck, tunnel conveyor belt, mine shaft etc.

The playground is a huge success and is used and enjoyed by a large number of children. The playground is maintained jointly between a local FAS team operating under the Castlecomer Demesne Committee and Kilkenny County Council Area Office Staff. The maintenance and management of the playground takes up a lot of time. Litter and other debris must be removed every day – especially glass and sharp objects and the safe surfacing (bark chip) must be topped up regularly to the correct level.



