



Visit Devon's 'Large Attraction of the Year' is a quirky sheep farm turned amusement park - The BIG Sheep. Visitors to the park enjoy a farm safari, swan pedalos and even daily sheep races.

Ride supply: Honeypot Bears and Mini Pirate Ship

Amusement Technical supplied The BIG Sheep with a classic wave swinger ride in 2010 and has worked closely with the park ever since. We have supplied it with two of the rides we design and build in-house – our Honeypot Bears teacup ride and our mini pirate ship – helping The BIG Sheep to develop into one of the South West's premier family-friendly visitor attractions.

A flagship coaster: Rampage

In 2014, the park purchased Rampage, a 400m long roller coaster that had previously been based at the Metroland indoor theme park in Gateshead. Metroland had closed its doors, and this pivotal attraction needed a new home.

However, before undergoing the huge task of transferring the coaster to a new outdoor home, Rampage needed to undergo a full refurbishment and restoration. We worked on the coaster in our workshop in North West England, carrying out full non-destructive testing and weld testing to ensure it could safely switch to a new outdoor location.

Next, we replaced and refurbished the motors and gearboxes, and designed and built a new control system from scratch, essentially giving this well loved train a whole new engine. Shot-blasting all of the metal sections to clean and polish them, a brand new blue colour scheme, and a remodelling of the front of the coaster to make it resemble a train were the finishing touches.

Finally, we assisted with moving the coaster and rebuilding it in its new home, ensuring that it could operate smoothly and safely.

Rick Turner, Owner, The Big Sheep is delighted with Amusement Technical's efforts: *"Amusement Technical provided a total turnkey solution for the refurbishment of the Rampage rollercoaster and went above and beyond their brief. We are delighted with the look of the ride and its performance."*

Rampage is now Devon's longest, tallest and fastest rollercoaster, with heights of up to 13m enjoyed by the whole family – this 'pink knuckle' coaster has a minimum rider height of just 1.2m.

At a glance

Client: The BIG Sheep

Project: Supply of various rides, full refurbishment and rebuild of The BIG One roller coaster

Result: Devon's longest, tallest and fastest roller coaster, refurbished and remodelled

