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ADEPT President's Awards 2022

Entry form

Award category:	Shaping Places for People
Title:	All the people – so many people - and they all go hand in hand
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Partner/s (if applicable):	Ashfield District Council / Friends of Titchfield Park
Headline summary (150 characters, c. 20-25 words) A vision that delivered so much more than generic flood risk benefits during a time of national uncertainty.	

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500-word project outline (please ensure you do not exceed the word count and address all the judges' criteria – for more info see [here](#))

In response to flooding in 2013 and the significant concerns this raised we set about considering ways to reduce future risk of flooding and its consequences to the Titchfield Park Brook catchment in Hucknall, one where over 80 properties suffered the devastation of internal flooding.

Flood risk funding is constrained nationally by economic analysis and it is widely recognised that the intangible impacts on the health and wellbeing of those affected are frequently underestimated.

At Nottinghamshire we strive to find ways of delivering wider social, health and environmental benefits whilst complying with formal approval processes as we understand how these can have a positive impact on the lives of those affected by flooding, either directly or as part of the wider community. Delivering a vision that provides more for our residents than just flood risk benefits is fundamental to our approach.

The need for providing surface water storage was identified and Titchfield Park, a 24 acre green flag destination park at the top of the catchment caught our attention as a potential opportunity.

Our vision was simple; work with Ashfield District Council, owners of the park and a neighbouring Authority, to redesign and modernise their park, with our only expectation to provide the necessary volume of storage for surface water.

They had the expertise in their Landscape Architects, the history and knowledge of the park, links into the local Friends of Titchfield Park volunteer group and a local aspiration to deliver a major revamp of the park themselves. Those with local authority background may wince at our use of the word 'simple', but that's where our innovation comes alive.

A call to Ashfield District Council, a coffee from the Park's own café, and the seed was planted.



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Within 36 months of that coffee our vision was delivered. We crossed administrative and political boundaries, complied with legal and financial procedures, secured almost £1m funding through Flood Defence Grant in Aid with the support of the Environment Agency all achieved despite Covid.

As well as reducing the risk of flooding to 80+ properties our approach saw:

- Local 'Friends of Titchfield Park' volunteer group help design and build elements of the project, an approach that helps encourage and sustain the long term community 'ownership' of the park.
- 300m of daylighting of the watercourse, increasing the natural habitat and environmental benefits.
- Over 500m² of natural wetland style habitat created.
- Improvements to our green spaces.
- An increase in the social, economic and mental health benefits for the community - maybe more people being inspired over a coffee from the café?
- Ashfield District Council secure match funding towards their wider park remodelling.

Many who use the park will not see it as a flood alleviation construction project – but a project that enhances the local area. We encouraged all the people, so many people, with an interest in the park to help - protecting many homes from the risk of flooding whilst quietly delivering much wider benefits during an incredibly challenging time for the country.



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