

RUFFORD PARK

Client: **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
Sector: **LEISURE**
Type: **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**
Method: **PARTNERSHIP**
Location: **RUFFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**
Value: **£258,000**



HISTORIC PARK KEPT OPEN DURING BUDGET BEATING WORKS

THE CHALLENGE...

This project involved external refurbishment works to the park. These included a new drainage system, resurfacing of the two car parks and the main entrance. Woodhead also built new pathways with lighting, added additional signage, and created disabled

access. The Park has complex conservation requirements and it needed to remain open throughout the project with all the work needing to meet the Client's (Nottinghamshire County Council) and English Heritage's exacting requirements.

THE SOLUTIONS...

Incorporating Heritage Requirements
The Park is important in its own right, listed on the English Heritage List of Parks and Gardens; within the site there also are a number of important listed buildings, as well as Rufford Abbey, a scheduled ancient monument. Woodhead sourced materials that best matched the existing landscaping works at Rufford Mill, working closely with, Build direct, NCC Landscaping and Dykes Associates. Together the design teams coordinated materials to maintain English Heritage standards, communicating directly with Rufford Park. Regular meetings liaising with all stakeholders were organised whilst Woodhead maintained the works programme.

Sensitive Supply Chain Management
Woodhead adopted a sympathetic approach both to working in and supplying materials to a heritage site and also in working in a live environment, operating sensitively with the general public. To do this effectively we worked closely with our supply chain to ensure that project ran smoothly. Actions carried out included:

- Regular (sometimes daily) meetings incorporating Rufford Park staff, the Woodhead Project Team and key sub-contractors.

- Strategic planning, working with our sub-contractors to plan low peak time working in coordination with the Park.
- Traffic management plans were developed with our supply chain to minimise disruption during deliveries. Including carefully diversion of traffic to suit the parks needs when the car parks were re-surfaced.
- Pedestrian management plans were developed with our supply chain to minimise danger to the public.

In addition, Newark and Sherwood District Council notified Rufford Park that the Jetty in the lake was a Health and Safety risk and needed to be demolished. In investigating this works Woodhead looked at the existing drawings when the park was first built, and realised the stumps holding up the Jetty were cast below the concrete membrane of the lake. Unable to remove the stumps without causing flooding of the lake, Rufford Park agreed upon Woodhead's idea to manage the health and safety issue whilst also adding an additional feature to the lake. Hardwood timber platforms were erected on top of the stumps as wildlife areas. This has now become a great place for tourists at the Park as they stop and feed the ducks.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS...

Zero accidents recorded on site

Maintained Green Flag Standard during construction works on site.

Park now DDA compliant

Finishes passed by English Heritage on the back of constant communication between Woodhead's and Rufford Parks team.

Requirements met for quality, cost and time.

2% savings made on the car park

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