

# ACTON PARK RESTORATION PLAN

Wrexham



## project summary

Acton Park is an extraordinary piece of parkland situated in the outskirts of Wrexham that used to be the stately home of the infamous Judge Jeffreys – the Hanging Judge of the Bloody Assizes. It ranges over 45 acres and has mature specimen and woodland

tree stock with its heart being a large lake created in the 18th Century as part of the English Landscape movement. Our task was to write Conservation Management Plans, Audience Development Plans and Learning and Training Plans to develop this wonderful historic park and turn it to face the 21st Century so it is a benefit to all the local community.

### LESSONS LEARNT

lessons learnt: the importance of local community partnerships to develop proposals for cherished features such as the lake and the wider park

do not assume that people understand the historical importance of their own park that with imagination conservation of parks can bring new, modern and active

## features of note

- Detailed lake remediation proposals to safeguard this historic, central feature.
- New Visitors' Centre proposals designed by Tweed Nuttall Warburton.
- Upgrading of sports facilities including tennis, basketball and crown green bowls.
- Creative management to form an arboretum within the park.
- Relocation and improvement to children's play facilities for toddlers through to teenagers.
- Development of new path network to link new and existing features.



**Commissioning Authority**  
Wrexham County Borough Council

**Project Value**  
Preliminary Design Fee - £50,000  
Design Proposals - £3.5 million