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Joined The Parks Trust: 2019

What do you do?

I am responsible for managing The Parks Trust's money and our financial investments. Each day brings with it different challenges. One day I might be working on a multi-million pound debt refinancing and the next I might be dealing with insurance claims where someone has had an accident in one of our vehicles.

### What did you do when you left school?

After completing my A-levels I decided to step straight into the world of accountancy and study for my AAT qualification. My studies were undertaken alongside my full time job working as an auditor. After completing my AAT exams I chose to complete the ACA exams which would lead me to become a fully qualified Chartered Accountant.

#### Why did you want to work for The Parks Trust?

The attraction of The Parks Trust was very much the people, objectives and setting. The employees, volunteers and trustees care immensely for the charitable work they do and it's a pleasure to be able to work with them to help them deliver their plans.

#### Describe your career journey so far.

I joined the Trust as a first time Finance Director after having 2 other different accounting roles.

I have always enjoyed the day to day activities in finance but the role of Finance Director brings with it all the responsibilities of overseeing the financial direction of the Trust, team management, compliance oversight and lots more!

## What skills or qualities do you need to be successful in your role?

You need to have a balanced view point, be quick on your feet, have good planning skills and be effective at time management.

Good communication skills are also important as you'll be working with lots of different people at different levels within the organisation as well as external stakeholders.

# My words of wisdom...

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