Tim
Head of Property

Joined The Parks Trust: 2022

What do you do?

I'm responsible for looking after the investment property owned by The Trust. The rent from these properties is used to fund the activities across our parks. This includes agreeing new lettings and working with existing tenants. I'm also responsible for buying or selling property investments to ensure we hold a balanced portfolio capable of optimising returns for The Trust.

What did you do when you left school?

I have a degree in Estate Management and am a qualified Chartered Surveyor. My whole career has been working within the property industry. I have been a Property Consultant and Head of Estates in the private sector and for another charity. Much of my career has been spent involved in the development of Milton Keynes working for national or local government agencies.

Why did you want to work for The Parks Trust?

I was living in MK when The Trust was formed and have dealt with them over the years in my previous positions. I have a strong commitment to New Town Placemaking and Milton Keynes in particular. This coupled with my property background attracted me to the role.

Describe your career journey so far

Whilst doing A Levels, I was keen to find a career that was not just office-based and felt that property allowed flexibility and variation so I pursued qualification in this field. Whilst qualifying, I worked for Milton Keynes Development Corporation and began to understand the wider role property can play in creating a place. Although I have had jobs that are purely property-focussed, I have preferred working where there is a greater outcome as is the case at The Parks Trust.

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

Technical skills related to topics including; property law, construction/development, investment appraisal.

There's also a need to be logical.

Building relationships with tenants and suppliers is also important

My words of wisdom...

Find a job that's got variety, don't chase the ££