

## TVNP Community grant Case Study

This is a case study for Tees Valley Nature Partnership written by Bob Carson from [Friends of the Denes](#).

### Friends Of the Denes - October 2021

#### Proposal

To fund the purchase and installation of a secure metal store for the safe storage of protective clothing, tools, and equipment for the use of volunteers - members of the Friends Group - local schoolchildren - clients from LINKS, an adult learning centre - the CRC - local employer EE and other groups. The store will be sited within a small compound with a 2.5m high metal fence (formerly occupied by Northern Powergrid). The Denes is a 1.5Km linear park. The compound is sited centrally.

#### Project progress

The funding for the project was received in September 2020.

The rear of the proposed location was low by around 500mm and the friends' group were donated treated timber sleepers to form a boundary for the fill material required and the concrete base. Volunteers constructed the sleeper wall in September 2020. With the assistance of labour from the Probation Service, the fill material was laid, compacted and the concrete base installed.

Following the lockdown in April/May 2021 the shed was provided at a considerably discounted price from the one originally quoted for two reasons: it is smaller than that initially quoted 10x10ft rather than 10x12ft and from a different supplier. The lead time for delivery of the larger shed would have been several months. The manufacturer is the same as the initial quote, with the same 10-year guarantee. The shed was installed by our volunteers in April. In June the timber floor was installed, this was 18mm exterior plywood battens protected by a damp proof membrane.

The shed has already proved to be invaluable in storing tools and equipment. It has also provided short term shelter for ourselves and other groups including the probation service.

Many thanks for your support

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'R. Carson'.

Bob Carson, Secretary Friends of the Denes