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Civic Trust Award for SSP's Belvedere Splashpark, Bexleyheath

Belvedere Splashpark in Bexleyheath is a wonderful example of how modern, exciting and technically advanced solutions can be incorporated into the regeneration of tired and underutilised public facilities. The scheme, led by Bexley Council, aimed to improve the facilities whilst adapting it to meet contemporary needs.

SSP Waterplay designed and installed the key elements of the project including a low depth 'splash-pool', 34 water-jets and interactive fountains, and a brightly coloured safety decking area. This created a public facility that has dramatically increased accessibility for children of all ages and abilities and, at 1000m² it is the largest facility of its kind in Europe.

As well as receiving a prestigious Civic Trust Award and high approval ratings from over 10,000 summer visitors, Belvedere Park has also attracted considerable interest from other local authorities keen to learn about the installation and its management. Councillor Peter Catterall, Bexley Council Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Tourism, says: "I am delighted by the success of this fantastic project. Next year, weather permitting; we hope to make a splash by opening at Easter."