

Join the Grantham Canal Society NOW!

We urgently need more members and volunteers to support the work of the society in developing and protecting the leisure and environmental corridor for the 33 miles between Grantham and the River Trent.

I am interested in the future of the Grantham Canal and wish to apply to join the Grantham Canal Society.

Annual Subscription Rates:

Tick Membership Category - annual subscriptions are:

Family membership £30; Adults £20.00;

Concessions £15.00; Corporate £50.00

Please complete your details:

Forename:

Surname:

Address:

Post code: Tel. No.:

Mobile:

E-mail:

We confirm that the information above is for society records only and will not be disclosed to any other body without your expressed permission.

Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a UK tax payer):

"I agree to the Grantham Canal Society claiming tax under the Gift Aid scheme on my subscription until I advise otherwise. I confirm that I am paying an amount of UK Income tax and/or Capital Gains tax that at least equals the amount the charity will reclaim (currently 28p for every pound that I give)."

I wish to make a Donation to the Grantham Canal Society (Charity no. 507337). I enclose a cheque to the value of £ payable to the Grantham Canal Society.

Signed: Date

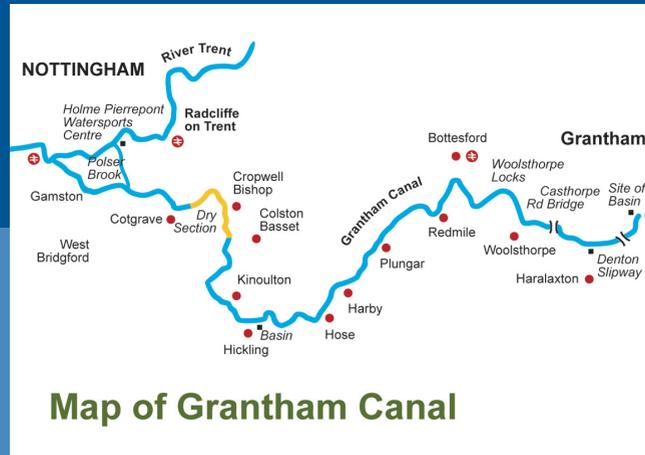
Please post this form to:

GCS Membership, Pasture View, Kingston on Soar, Nottingham NG11 0DA

Thank you for supporting the Grantham Canal Society

Join the Grantham Canal Society - we need volunteers to help with:

- Engineering and Maintenance
- Construction
- Fund Raising
- Management and Administration
- Delivering Presentations/ Shows
- School/ Club Liaison
- Rangers
- Boat Operations
- Public Relations and Communication



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The Grantham Canal Society



Join Us, and Enjoy the Grantham Canal



The Grantham Canal is a valuable leisure amenity, a 33 mile long green waterway corridor from Grantham to Nottingham, preserving an important wildlife habitat and with the potential to create jobs and business opportunities.

The canal and its environment are of benefit to:

- Anglers and Bird Watchers
- Walkers and Cyclists
- Boaters and Naturalists
- Photographers and Educationalists

Canoes, trail boats and narrow boats all add their own colour and vitality to the rural setting.

www.granthamcanal.com

Early Days of the Grantham Canal

The expansion of trade in the 1700's encouraged the merchants of Grantham and Nottingham to seek better transport links. As a result of their extensive campaigning an Act of Parliament in 1793 gave the green light to the building of the Grantham Navigation.

With coal, manufactured goods and night-soil going east out of Nottingham and predominantly agricultural products on the westbound boats, commercial traffic expanded rapidly after the canal's opening in 1797.

The initial investment of £117,000 was soon recovered and the canal's prosperity continued until in the 1850s competition from the expanding railway network sounded the death knell of commercial traffic. After a lingering decline the canal was finally closed in 1936.



Grantham Basin

Progress – Successes So Far ...

Several projects have been delivered

- Restoration of navigable lengths of canal at Cotgrave, Hickling and Woolsthorpe to the A1
- Denton Wharf and Slipway
- Casthorpe Bridle Bridge
- Harlaxton Wharf
- Woolsthorpe Locks
- Removal of railway embankment at Woolsthorpe
- Raising of Casthorpe Road Bridge
- Landing stages installed, canal dredged and bridges repaired on the Woolsthorpe to A1 section
- the well attended “Grantham on Water” Festival held at Woolsthorpe in 2007
- The Launch of workboat “Centauri” and trip boat “The Three Shires” in 2010

Over the last three decades around £6.8m of grants and volunteer efforts have been expended on the canal.

Today

The society has been accredited Self-Supervisory status by British Waterways and is now responsible for most activity between Woolsthorpe and the A1.

The Grantham Canal Society works closely with the Grantham Canal Partnership and sponsors from the private and public sector to drive the strategic vision of full restoration of the canal from the River Trent back into the centre of Grantham.

The Grantham Canal Partnership brings together the county councils of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire plus the borough and district councils of Melton, Rushcliffe and South Kesteven. With British Waterways, the Inland Waterways Association and Natural England, the Grantham Canal Society completes the Partnership.

You can help our cause and support our efforts by letting your local councillors know of your belief in, and commitment to, the full restoration of the Grantham Canal.

Neglect and Destruction



From the 1940's through to the 1960's many bridges were dropped into the cut and the roads levelled. Lock gates were removed, lock chambers sealed with concrete weirs and access to the River Trent destroyed when Lady Bay railway

bridge became a new road crossing. The Grantham Canal Society was formed by a few visionaries in the late 1960's and their efforts stemmed the destructive indifference of various authorities and slowly reversed the trend of neglect into one of restoration. For several years the stalwarts of the Society fought against mining in the Vale of Belvoir, the resultant subsidence from which would have rendered the canal truly derelict.



Activity

- The society is operating its trip-boat, “The Three Shires”, on the navigable section of the canal from Woolsthorpe to the A1 at Grantham. See our website www.granthamcanal.com for full details.
- Volunteers operate our workboat “Centauri” on the Woolsthorpe to A1 stretch, maintaining and improving navigation on this section.
- Work teams, operating out of our base at Woolsthorpe, tackle various projects along the canal, often with the valuable assistance of volunteers from around Britain.

