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Keeper's Cottage at Willis's Lock - Photo by Chris Leach

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This month's update from Mike Stone (Chairman)

The days are getting longer but there is still much to be done before our public arrives to see, to watch, to participate or to travel (by whatever means) along our Grantham Canal.

Last month I encouraged volunteers to come forward to support the Society's work during this year as we have much more to achieve.

This month I will concentrate on Membership and the need to increase membership numbers.

Why does the Society need members? Put simply the more members we have the higher the Society is 'rated' by external bodies such as Local Authorities, Grant Funding organisations, etc. They use membership numbers as a measure of support a charity has for its policies, its work and its influence in a community.

The GCS currently has 416 members – and I thank them for their support – but to be heard GCS needs to achieve the magic number of 500. This is a figure that could unlock new doors for the GCS particularly when applying for funds or talking to Councils about restoration plans.

So could I please encourage you, dear reader, to become a member if you are not one already? The cost to you is modest; the benefit to the Society is enormous – and further enhanced if you are able to Gift Aid your membership fee! Full details are to be found on the 'Join Now!' section of our website www.granthamcanal.org. If you are already a member I thank you and can I ask you to persuade a friend to join? You will also be supporting those who

volunteer and support the Society in various practical ways.

For the active volunteers the latest news is that we are still awaiting agreement from The Castle to access Lock 14 and hope that will be received very soon.

Approval has been sought from CRT for two projects: - to search for remains of the slipway at Woolsthorpe Depot and to raise the weir at Denton to reduce the loss of water from the canal.

Discussions are also continuing to seek the most effective way of removing the silt and arboreal remains from the canal between locks 16 and 15 so that *The Three Shires* can access Lock 15. So there are tasks to be undertaken and if there is a small time gap before we can start on Lock 14 perhaps those teams could temporarily transfer their strength and skills to the top length.

Oh! Remember ours is The Romantic Canal and February is the romantic month - so don't forget someone on the 14th!



Mike Stone.



**INLAND
WATERWAYS
ASSOCIATION**

**Meetings are held at 7.45 pm at Rushcliffe
Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford,
Nottingham, NG2-7HY, about 15 minutes from
M1 Junction 24 up the A453**

Friday, February 16th 2018

Annual General Meeting. Followed by an illustrated talk concerning a hotel boat "Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg" by David Pullen.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date & Time | Event & Venue |
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| Sat 17 th Feb 10.00 – 4.00 | Grantham Museum 'Do Something New' |
| Sat 24 th Feb 9.00 – 3.45 | Grantham Library Local Studies Open Access |
| Mon 26 th Feb 7.00 | Events Team Meeting, Urban Hotel, Grantham |
| Thurs 1 st Mar 2.30 | GCS Info Social – details to follow |
| Mon 12 th Mar 7.30 | Rangers Meeting, The Plough, Stathern |
| Mon 12 th Mar 8.00 | Talk: Belvoir Vale & Soc Club, Radcliffe on Trent British Legion |
| Wed 14 th Mar 7.30 | Talk: Ruddington Contact Group |
| Sat 17 th Mar 11.00-4.00 | Bugs, Bats & Beasts, Wyndham Park, Grantham |
| Sun & Mon 1 – 2 nd Apr | Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed |
| Mon 30 th Apr 7.30 | Talk: Corby Glen Horticultural Soc, Ron Dawson Memorial Hall |
| Wed 2 nd May 8.00 | Talk: Keyworth 8 o'clock Group, Parochial Ch Hall, Selby Lane |
| Sun & Mon 6 – 7 th May | Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed |
| Wed 9 th May | Tollerton Parish Meeting |
| Mon 14 th May 7.30 | Rangers Meeting, Depot |
| Sun & Mon 27 th – 28 th May | Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed |
| Sat & Sun 16 th - 17 th June | Grantham Carnival |
| Sun 24 th June 10.00-4.00 | Summer Sunday Boat Trips |
| Sat & Sun 30 th June & 1 st July | Lady Bay Open Gardens Weekend – details to follow |
| Sun 1 st July | Dysart Park Family Fun Day, Grantham |
| Mon 9 th July 7.30 | Rangers Meeting, Depot |
| Fri 17 th – Sun 19 th Aug | WRG Family Weekend at Woolsthorpe – help needed |
| Sat 28 th July | Harlaxton Gala |
| Tues 21 st Aug 2.00 | Talk: Colsterworth WI |
| Sun & Mon 26 th – 27 th Aug | Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed |
| Wed 5 th Sept 11.30 | Talk: Trent Valley Probus |
| Thurs 6 th - Sun 9 th Sept 10.00-4.00 | Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days 'Picture the Past', Depot |
| Mon 12 th Sept 7.30 | Rangers Meeting, The Plough, Stathern |
| Thurs 13 th Sept 2.15 | Talk: Nottm National Trust, Mechanics Institute |
| Sun 30 th Sept 10.00 – 4.00 | Summer Sunday Boat Trips |
| Wed 3 rd Oct | Talk: Horsington WI – afternoon |
| Mon 8 th Oct 7.30 | Talk: Gonerby Hill Foot WI |
| Sun 14 th Oct 10.00-4.00 | Discovery Day 2018 |

Community and Education Update February 2018

Events: 'Do Something New' event at Grantham Museum on Saturday 17th February is a good opportunity for people to find out what is involved in taking the information stand to events, especially since it will be indoors and not subject to the weather.

Event Training Day Saturday 10th March 2 Sessions 10.00-12.00 and 1.00-3.00

Join us to learn the practicalities of setting up for an event and tips on informing and inspiring the public to volunteer and get involved.

Education: Two of the Grantham Canal Learning Team shadowed Canal and River Trust Education Coordinator delivering assemblies on water safety to a local primary school. We look forward to receiving our own kit to deliver this and other canal based educational activities along the canal corridor. We have produced our own leaflet to advertise the kind of activities on offer. If you know of a school or young people's community group who might be interested, please email me and I will send you a copy.

Waterway Recovery Group hold an annual family camp to encourage their young family members to carry on with the good work when they are old enough to muck in themselves. This year they have chosen to hold this on the Grantham Canal. The young people and their parents will be taking part in work tasks and activities over the weekend of Friday to Sunday 17th to 19th August. The group is not expected to be large, but we will welcome help with the activity slots in their timetable.

Research: We have received a wealth of photographs recently, some of the most fascinating showing the rebuilding of the depot. I hope to make these available soon. The theme for Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days this year is Picture the Past. I am planning to enrol for this and putting on an exhibition in the Depot in September. Grantham Library are having a Local Studies Open Access Day on Saturday 24th February 9.00 to 3.45. They have a wealth of information about the canal and a very helpful librarian.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rosemary

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07971 173069

THE GRANTHAM CANAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE



John so happy in his work, putting up fences, that he is jumping for joy with a bemused Alan supporting the spade!

Many thanks Ian for these photos & captions!
Hope you're better soon John.

Ed



Unfortunately permission to close the towpath around lock 15, which is a public right of way, has expired and cannot be extended, according to Lincolnshire County Council.

So we have the rather strange situation of fencing along both sides of a new stone public footpath which passes through the site, for two weeks, then taking it all down again when a new set of towpath closure permissions come into force.

In essence the public can walk through the site for two weeks and then they can't. Hope they understand!

Ian W

As Day Leaders on the GCHI project at Lock 15, we are aware that the work our teams have been carrying out tends to attract the lion's share of publicity regarding the Grantham Canal.

However, we know that much vital work is done every weekend by other volunteers who keep the navigable stretch of water fit for use by the trip boat, and the towpath able to be enjoyed by the public, and would like to express our thanks and admiration to all those unsung members of GCS for their hard work in this regard. Be assured that you are not forgotten by the Lock 15 gang, on the contrary you are greatly appreciated by those of us who no longer get to pull our weight on Centaurs.

This applies also to the teams of volunteers who have been been doing sterling work tidying up and brush cutting towards the western end of the canal, be they GCS members or not.

Well done and thank you!

Signed-

Ralph Bellamy

Dave Cross

Ian Wakefield

Bob Taylor

Jim Freeman

THE WAY IT WAS

Whilst all this work was going on, part of our team started the preparation of clearing the locks 17 and 16 so they could be inspected. The first job was to partially drain the two short pounds between the locks, this we did by lifting the sluice paddles in the concrete weirs. This left sufficient water to allow the fishing club and the Environment Agency to remove most of the fish using electric stunning and using a shallow pontoon with buckets and collecting nets. The fish were then transferred to a large holding tank and then taken to a new location further down the canal.

B.W. provided their long arm excavator and Dave Smith to remove silt and heavy objects from the lock chambers, why we didn't do this on 18 is a mystery.

Because of the weight, the machine could not sit alongside the lock so we used VHF radio's and I sat on the concrete weir directing Dave where to put the dredging bucket. Some bits of old gate timbers and bricks were recovered but the rest we removed using the barrow hoist. There was nothing like the rammel and debris removed from lock 18.

To clear the locks of water, Garry Connelly made a steel beam with three connecting ports which fitted in the old stop plank grooves, then we used several lengths of sludge hose that connected to the ports and this carried the normal water flow right through the chambers. When B.W. had done the inspections it was time to call in a new team to carry out the rebuild of lock 17 and 18. In line with the Derelict land Grant and supervised by B.W.

We chose *Trainline*, a Grantham based company, who employed people that

required retraining and specialised supervision who also used John Moulsher as an instructor. Mainly because they were approved and their charges were very competitive. After they had started we had little further involvement and John Nutthall, B.W. was in charge.

Together with B.W. they constructed a bywash around lock 16 before the rebuild started. After much deliberation B.W. decided it was too difficult to bypass lock 17 because of the adjacent lock cottage and opposite close embankment.

B.W. were asked to tender for gates, cills and quoins for locks 16 and 17 but where too expensive so we chose *Callis Mills* a similar type company to *Trainline* but specialised in lock furniture. They did all the on site fitting after the two locks had been rebuilt.

Trainline quickly began on lock 17 by removing the copingstones, scaffolding out the chamber then pointing and replacing brickwork as necessary. We had to supply all building materials, plant and equipment. We only had one notable issue with regard to our air compressor. They called us to say it had failed and on inspection it was found the engine sump had been filled with sand, some said it was too noisy. This was a time consuming and expensive repair.

After the completion and IWA Trailboat rally, some of *Trainline* older members came to help as volunteers on the lock 18 bywash. News on that and the Derelict Land Grant next time.

Mike Atherley.



Nottingham & Beeston Canal Castle Wharf, Nottingham

Friday 23 February 2018

Arts heritage project Enchanted Water, funded by the Arts Council will launch on the canal on the evening. A series of installations, projections and storytelling will be used to explore the history of this city section of the Nottingham and Beeston Canal, using images and words to tell the story of change from its industrialised past. Enchanted Water is a partnership project with the Canal and River Trust, Carrington Heritage Project, Nottingham Trent University, Beeston Canal side Heritage Project and Nottingham City Council. This aspect of the Light Night event will be accessible via the Carrington Street entrance.

A touring exhibition and photography competition will follow the event. Local boaters are invited to moor up for the evening with a prize awarded to the best illuminated boat. Mooring space will be available on a first come, first served basis and the usual restrictions will apply (e.g. no mooring in lock approach).

Please note that a section of visitor moorings opposite the Canalhouse pub (towpath side) will be used by the Nottingham Narrowboat Project during the event to provide boat trips.

No additional moorings are provided and the navigation will not be affected. Enchanted Water is supported using public funding by Arts Council England.

You can view the CRT notice and its map online here:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notice/12290/castle-wharf-nottingham>

Flora & Fauna along the Grantham Canal by James Faulconbridge



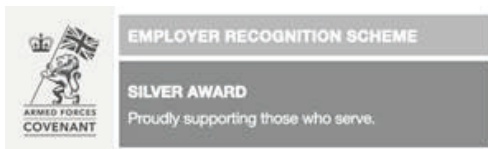
February - Ferns

At a time of year when many wild plants have lost their green leaves, ferns can still be found brightening up bare walls. Those you are most likely to spot along the Canal are perhaps the Aspleniaceae, known by the common collective name of 'spleenworts'. These species often grow in cracks in walls, where they find small patches of soil, and they like moist and shady conditions. These factors together make some of the walls along the canal, particularly around the locks, ideal habitats.

One of the most common and easily recognisable is the hart's tongue fern – this is quite distinctive in that it is the only fern you'll come across which has undivided leaves, looking more like a 'normal' plant but given away by its glossy leaves with spores dotting the undersides.

Another common species is the maidenhair spleenwort, which has a glossy, dark frond stalk and neat green leaflets arrayed on either side. Black spleenwort too is a common wall resident which looks more like fronds of your 'typical' fern or bracken.

These ferns are different to most of the other plants you will see along the canal – they neither flower nor produce seed but instead reproduce by means of spores which are lined beneath the leaves. The name 'wort' after a plant usually means that it was a food, or used medicinally. It is thought that the name spleenwort derives from folk beliefs that the plants were useful in curing afflictions of this organ!



Thank you to Mary, one of our followers on Facebook, who responded to the post about the Lengthsman's hut at Hickling. The hut, dating from the time when the canal was in railway ownership, is currently undergoing restoration. This project was initiated by the local community, and is being led by the Canal and River Trust.



Mary's granddad, Vincent Walker, was the lengthsman on this stretch of canal. Vincent began his employment as Lengthsman with the Great Northern Railway, aged 24, in 1912, and continued tending the canal until his retirement. The family still affectionately refer to the hut as 'granddad's hut'.

Don't go looking for the hut just yet - it's in pieces in the Canal and River Trust's Newark workshops - where their Heritage Trainees under the leadership of Graham, have been busily restoring the wooden sections. Mary, as do we, looks forward to its return in the springtime.



If your community can identify a project along the canal and, particularly if you're prepared to raise the funding - get in touch.

Quackers, one of our avid Twitter followers, put forward the suggestion of opening up the canal into Grantham, introducing a park & ride and a water-bus into the town! I'll allow you to judge whether this idea is quackers or not! The more I think about this, the more sensible it becomes. It would be a massive boost to the economy of the town, tapping into the traffic on the A1. With no locks on this stretch, it could be run efficiently...hmm?

Yes, I know it would cost - but talk of money is so vulgar!

Tony

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Grantham Canal Benefits from Generous TMS Staff

Staff from local company TMS Support Solutions Ltd were delighted to be able to support Grantham Canal Society. Throughout the year staff raised money for the Society by putting their baking skills to the test with numerous 'Bake Offs', a Grand National Sweepstake and Christmas Raffle.

Theresa Cannon, TMS's Owner Director said, "Once again our staff have raised a magnificent amount of money and we are delighted to be able to support a local charity."

A cheque for £400 was recently presented to David Lyneham-Brown - Chief Executive of Grantham Canal Society who commented "I am delighted to accept this donation from TMS. Every donation is extremely valuable and allows us to continue the important work on this very important part of English canal history."

Theresa also added, "It was interesting to hear about the work the volunteers undertake on a daily basis, especially on the historic Jessop locks, part of the Woolthorpe Flight. Once this work is completed it will really open up the canal to more people including many of our staff to enjoy."

DL-B



GCS Rangers

The new year saw the start of 2 projects that the Rangers team are involved with.



Firstly, Rob Cooke and myself met with Highways England and CRT at Bridge 6a (Lings Bar) to see if there is any possibility of a safe crossing of the main A52 road at this point.

Rob is awaiting response from Highways England before proceeding with the next stage.

Rob is also involved with the Lady Bay Group who are working with CRT in clearing that section. The next session is being held on Sunday 11th February meeting at 9.30 am on Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford.

The second project that we are getting involved with is the rebuild of Hickling Lengthmans Hut.

Anne McMeekin spent a morning with 2 members of CRT staff clearing vegetation from the site ready for the main work to commence.

If you are interested in working on this project work will be taking place on Thursdays to be announced.

Contact me at c.j.cobb@msn.com and I will keep you updated.

Tony Jackson as been spending some of his valuable time attempting to get interest from the Grantham public to become a Ranger for the Earlsfield Section.

This is the only section of the canal that we do not have a Ranger on.

He may have succeeded, watch this space.

We are holding a meeting for prospective Ranger on Saturday 17th February, 10.00 am till 11.00am at the Depot.

If you are interested in attending please advise me on the above e-mail.

Chris Cobb
Head Ranger

Galliford Try Join Our Corporate Volunteers

In January we welcomed the first volunteers from **Galliford Try**, the national construction and regeneration company.

On a warmish and rain-free day they completed the clearance of the offside bank of the canal between the Depot and Lock 15, just in time for the WRG Forestry Group to work on the first weekend of February to demolish the fallen big trees - real fun getting those out of the canal!

Below, the **Galliford Try** crew with Andy, in the co-ordinated yellow ensemble, one of the GCS volunteers who turned out to support the day's efforts.



LADY BAY NEWS

Please note that the next canal clean up is on Sunday 11th February at 09.30

Verity Butler

WORK ON THE CUT



WRG North West Forestry Group

Working on the 1/2 mile pound with



Was it like this for the horses pulling the boats? The hardy members of the workparty, brave the elements and awful underfoot conditions to get our kit in place for cutting up fallen trees. The aluminium boat was invaluable if more than a little uncomfortable on the nether regions after two days of almost constant use! WRG were spread alongside the whole length of the half mile pound so we only managed to actually work with a few of the team, many of whom have been coming to the Grantham Canal for many years and become good friends. JF, landlord at the Dirty Duck, made a real impression as did 'Duck Hall'. I think our guests were spoilt, as all I heard on Sunday morning was, "When can we come back?"

A brilliant effort by everyone. Thank you and well done.

Ian Wakefield



The new landing stage for mooring 'The Three Shires', taking shape between locks 17 & 18. The previous sloping grass area made preparing the trip boat difficult for the crew. John Trigg, Tony Kirkland, Tony Osbond and Tony Reed have done a magnificent job and thanks must also go to John Moulsher for allowing access through his field. The next stage is to order some ready mix concrete but at the moment the field is too wet for a heavy vehicle.

Ian

OLD HICKLING PHOTOS PLEASE



The cafe owner at Hickling Basin is looking for pictures to display in the cafe located in the old warehouse (Pictured above).

I've sent a range of pictures - but I do know there are some depicting the opening ceremony of the basin and swing bridges in the 1990s. Was trip boat Soliloquy there too for a while?

If anyone has any pictures they don't mind sharing, could they email them please:

anthonykjackson@btoopenworld.com

Tony

THIEVES BREAK IN - AGAIN!



Unfortunately, we had another break in at Lock 15.

The thieves smashed the security cameras, broke into the tool store and stole all the electrical tools, most of which were on hire.

The total cost to the Heritage Lottery Project was approximately £4000. No insurance is available for sites such as Lock 15 and the cameras were installed after a previous break in when the tools were also stolen.

A security company van and two police cars were damaged as the thieves made their escape in a 4x4 with false plates. Nobody has been caught to date.

Ian

ALL PROPPED UP!



Two props compared. The original, more efficient on the left with label attached. Considerable difference in performance. i.e. lower engine revs so quieter. Thanks to Mary for contributing to the repair cost.

Ian



WOOLSTHORPE DEPOT NEWS

Now with new interior doors

Mike Stone originally supplied the patio doors which he no longer needed and Tony Reed has done a super job of modifying and installing them.

Ian



One from the archives The depot being rebuilt.

Photo kindly lent for copying by Brian Hodson who worked with Trainline on the reconstruction work.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY?

THE COST IS MODEST!

The annual subscription rates are as follows:

Single Adult:£20

Family:£30

Under 18/Over 60: ..£15

The benefits to the Society are enormous.

Apart from the obvious increase in regular income, enhanced further by Gift Aid, we are then given a louder voice to “talk” to the local councils. The canal’s corridor passes through more County & Borough Councils than you may think!

Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL



Leicestershire
County Council



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Rushcliffe
Borough Council

If you are already a member could you persuade a friend to join? You will also be encouraging those who volunteer and support the Society in various practical ways.



We are delighted to welcome Norman Woolley into our 'fold' as a contributor to Bridge. Maybe his future articles will inspire some of our readers to make an adventurous boat trip! Norman's home mooring is in Pyrford Marina, on the River Wey Navigation in Surrey. Ed

Narrow Boat Bruin was built by the Les Allen Brothers in 1988, and fitted out by Chris Lloyd. We took delivery in February 1989. She is 59 feet in length, which is a 'go anywhere length', although the 57 foot 6 inches locks on the Calder and Hebble Navigation were a bit of a challenge in a 59 foot boat. My late wife, Julie, and I started canal boating in 1974, travelling most of the inland waterways system in hire boats, prior to getting Bruin built, then repeated travelling most of the system in Bruin. One year we navigated the Fens, which are below sea level, then the Macclesfield Canal 500 feet above sea level. Since Julie died from cancer in 2013 I have continued cruising on Bruin, mostly single handed, as described in the following notes. I tackled the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in 2015, and the previous year travelled to Liverpool and back to my home mooring in Surrey, which is a long way from the main canal system,. In 2016 I spent 48 days boating, covering 523 1/2 miles and transited some 367 locks. The Rochdale canal last year entailed 62 days of boating through 467 locks over some 742 miles, and passing near your Grantham Canal in the process of navigating the River Trent from Nottingham to Cromwell Lock, before accessing the Yorkshire

waterways at Keadby. Bruin has been on 3 estuary trips, the most recent one being the Mersey, travelling from Ellesmere Port to Liverpool via the Manchester Ship Canal. The Severn Estuary featured in her trip from Bristol to Sharpness Docks, with the longest estuary trip to the River Medway, with the St. Pancras Cruising Club, being some 63 sea miles, twice over. In our early years of boating the Yorkshire waterways we experienced the plentiful commercial traffic, but now sadly the Tom Puddings, most fuel tankers and other commercial craft have long since gone, as seems the commercial traffic on the Trent. Our claim to fame was when we hired a boat from Shire Cruisers in Sowerby Bridge, and were the very first hire boat to navigate the Pocklington Canal. The longest trip we undertook was from here in Surrey to Ripon in Yorkshire and back home, some 1,048 miles. One of my most memorable trips was to be the support vessel for a horse drawn narrow boat trip from Little Venice in London to Gas Street in Birmingham. This was way back in 1996; it would be impossible to repeat that trip today, particularly through London and it's outskirts, with the amount of multi moored floating homes along the towpaths.

BOB DOWN UNDER!



Bob has sent us some holiday piccys from OZ - I'm not sure his colleagues at Lock 15 will appreciate these at the moment, as they've not been unable to feel their finger ends for many a day...

Tony

CHANGES TO BRIDGE FORMAT

Some of you may have noticed the change that has been made to Bridge if you are reading this directly from the downloaded pdf.

The difference, however, will be very noticeable if you **PRINT IT OUT!**

So if you have a duplex printer (one that prints on BOTH sides of the paper) and would like to receive the version that can be printed into a booklet, then please email me at bridge@granthamcanal.org

Hopefully more people will then have an opportunity to read it and become involved, maybe even support the restoration of our beautiful canal.

Ed

LADYBAY APARTMENT PLANNING APPLICATION UP DATE

As at 9th Feb Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC)

Website shows the situation on application as "decision unknown".

Without doubt most of the many residents and public bodies have produced cogent and reasoned arguments against a totally inappropriate ugly

building that will adversely affecting wildlife and habitat as well as potentially damaging the banks of the canal. And already developers have torn up 70 mts of hedge wildlife habitat. The area is rich in a varied bat population; pipisrelle, daubenton, etc whom would be disrupted by the new massive structure, and there is evidence of vole and possibly otter presence, not my words, and well as waterfowl. Nottinghamshire Wild Trust, CRT, and The Environment Agency have registered their objections. And from the standpoint of The Grantham Canal Partnership; the waste of over £32,000 for An Environmental Impact Study on the nearby area along The Trent being considered as a Green Waterway Corridor part of the The Grantham Canal/Trent Link will be a waste.

From the basic day to day considerations, the small cul-de-sac of Kendal Court is overloaded with cars, already, and trying to access onto the main Radcliffe road is pretty manic. Visit The RBC Planning Applications; to read letters; and complaints including C&RT, EA and Notts. Wildlife Trust

It would help if individuals would please write supporting a rejection of the application to Helen White Planning Officer Rushcliffe Borough Council or phone 0115 9819911 See RBC Website Planning Applications.

Ref 17/2656/FUL 21 Kendal Court demolition and build of 10 unit apartment block.

Tony Pitman



Canal & River Trust

The following are excerpts from CRT's letter to the Planning Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The Trust has reviewed the application. Below are sections from their substantive response under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

"Condition No development shall take place until a Method Statement detailing the means of construction of the buildings hereby permitted, including the design and means of constructing foundations and any other proposed earthmoving and excavation works required in connection with its construction, has first been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority."

"Whilst the design would undoubtedly preclude retention of all of the hedge, there may have been some scope to retain at least a portion of it, albeit cut back and probably reduced in height. The Grantham Canal is a Local Wildlife Site (LWS), and the loss of the hedgerow will have reduced the value of the LWS. We therefore consider that some compensatory planting should be considered along this boundary and suggest that a suitable landscaping/boundary treatment scheme be secured to mitigate the impact that complete removal of the hedge has had on the ecological value of the area. Government advice in the NPPF advises that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible. We also note that Policy 17 of the adopted Rushcliffe Local Plan Pt 1 Core Strategy 2014 states that development affecting wildlife corridors with biodiversity value must demonstrate an overriding need for the development and provide adequate mitigation."

"As also noted above, we consider that there is potential to secure the planting of a replacement hedge along at least part of this boundary, and as the adjacent landowner, we are willing to enter into discussions to identify the most appropriate form of boundary treatment here if the Council determines that planning permission should be granted.

We would also advise that any windows directly adjoining the site boundary with Trust land (as do some of the windows to Flat 4 and Flat 8) should not open outwards over Trust land, as this may interfere with use of the towpath. The Trust's prior consent would be required for any such encroachment."

**New for
2018**



on 'The Three Shires' Trip Boat

www.granthamcanal.org

Enjoy a half hour boat trip on the scenic
Grantham Canal on the following dates:-

Sun 1st April

Mon 2nd April

Sun 6th May

Mon 7th May

Sun 27th May

Mon 28th May

Sun 24th June

Sun 29th July

Sun 26th August

Mon 27th August

Sun 30th September

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where to find us:

Trips depart from Lock 18,
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, NG32 1NY
(Close to the Dirty Duck Pub).

**£3 Adults
£2 Children**

HELP OUR FUNDRAISING BY DONATING...THINGS!

We have the contacts to raise money for the society from certain donated items.

Do you have any of the following which you would like to donate?

- Stamp collection
- Cigarette Cards
- Model railways - 00 and N gauge
- Beer mats
- Beer pump clips
- Good quality pottery and porcelain
- 12" vinyl LPs, singles and CDs
- DVDs
- Rocks & Minerals

If so email David on

david.lyneham-brown@granthamcanal.org

or ring on 07970 858458

**WE WILL DISCUSS WHAT WE
CAN TAKE AND SELL FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS
EVERY LITTLE HELPS!**

**Our grateful thanks to the following
who have recently made a donation
to the Society:**

I.Wakefield, P.S.Phillipson,
D.A.Stevenson, TMS Support
Solutions, Nigel Lee and
David Heath.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



**WEEKDAYS AT LOCK 15
or**



**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
WITH ONE OF OUR
WORKPARTIES**

**If you can spare some time to join
one of our teams then please
email volunteer@granthamcanal.org
or lan.wakefield@granthamcanal.org**