

Lancaster Canal Trust

Monthly Bulletin – November 2022

Wendy Humphreys

Wendy sadly passed away on Thursday 6th October following a sudden illness at her home in Darwen

Wendy, in addition to her role as a very active IWA Northwest Chair, sat on the Trustee board of the Lancaster Canal Trust as the IWA representative. She also edited the Trust's magazine Waterwitch.

She always brought her boundless energy and enthusiasm for the waterways to bear, organising and steering various events and projects to promote the Lancaster Canal along with the other North West canals with equal vigour.

In 2015 and 2019 she was a driving force involved with organising the Trailboat festivals held on the Lancaster Canal and helped us to make a great success of those events.

More recently she promoted the Heritage Open day weeks in 2021 and 2022, in conjunction with Heritage England and the National Trust. She encouraged the Lancaster Canal Trust to join with her in making these events successful.

Wendy will be greatly missed by all who knew her or worked with her on the canals, and her loss will be felt by the Waterways community at large.

Funeral arrangements

Date and time: Thursday 27th October at 2.00pm
Location: Pleasington Crematorium
Tower Rd
Blackburn BB2 5LE

Reception: Blackburn Rovers Hospitality Suite
Ewood Park,
Car park 8 provides free parking

Family flowers only

Donations to either of the following charities welcomed
Cancer Research or The Stroke Association
Undertaker: Co-op Funeral Service
234 Duckworth Street
Darwen BB3 1PX

Work Plans for weekend 12th and 13th November

1. We will concentrate on planting a hedge along the off bank starting at B172 at Stainton and working towards B173 as far as possible with the plants available.

The mixed hedgerow plants have been donated by the Woodland Trust who extol the virtues of hedgerows “ *as features in the landscape, hedges are more than an essential refuge for wildlife. Small but mighty, they also clean our air, capture carbon, reduce flooding and give clues to historic land management* “

We will need to clear the ground first and where there is sufficient width, to then plant a double width as per a stock fence. The Woodland Trust supply cane stakes and spiral guards for each plant.

2. An additional task is to set up a pump in the culvert that runs under the canal and emerges near B173. The culvert feeds into a narrow stream where the pump would be positioned with a pipe up and over the towpath feeding into FF. Bringing water levels up in our new section will help establish loss rates.

Meet at the Stainton Carpark at 9.30 each day

The latest on the Water Pipe saga



As was reported in a previous bulletin we need to find out whether there is a water pipe through the bund as shown in the old drawing. United Utilities have been asked by CRT to locate it and they have done some exploratory digs. The first dig (requiring a road closure) showed that there was a connected pipe which ran directly towards the canal. They filled in that hole and excavated off-road towards the canal but there was no pipe! hey then did another road dig that showed that the pipe turned towards the car park. They filled in this dig on Wednesday 21st September and we presume they will be back to work on the car park. So it looks likely that there is a pipe in the bund.

Copy date for the December Bulletin will be 28th Nov so please feed in your articles, thoughts, photos etc etc to chair@lancastercanaltrust.org.uk

