

Lancaster Canal Trust

Monthly Bulletin – Nov 2023

There won't be a working weekend this month

But ... plans are coming together for more activity later in the month and into December. If you are on the 'Navvies' email list we'll keep you up to date with the opportunities, if not, email chair@lancastercanaltrust.org.uk and I'll add you to that list.

Volunteering

It's volunteers that keep the Trust working and Trustees are increasingly concerned that we are not attracting enough to cover all aspects of the work we are engaged in. From our urgent need for a Secretary and a Fundraiser to 'Navvies', those happy to get their hands dirty working on restoration and maintenance of the canal environment.

We have planned a special meeting the purpose of which is to try to agree a way forward regarding a) the Trust's relationship with volunteers, attracting, managing, supporting and retaining them and b) to discuss, and agree, the resource necessary to achieve same.

We would greatly benefit from input from members so, please let us have your thoughts. Perhaps you have been active with the Trust but have 'drifted away' or volunteer with another organisation and can share your experiences with them. Do let us know please, as soon as possible. Email chair@lancastercanaltrust.org.uk

Towpath Trail Project

The project, to enhance the towpath to provide a surface fit for a variety of user, from walkers and runners to cyclists and wheel chairs, has made a great step forward with a major funding package principally from Westmorland and Furness Council's Shared Prosperity Fund. together with the £300,000 previously secured from the former local authorities, South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council, the Towpath Trail now has a million-pound investment.

This offers a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate the positive impacts of the Towpath Trail and effective partnership working that involves and engages local communities. Successful work on the sections within Canal and River Trust ownership will start very soon with a completion date of January 2025. The money should allow the already completed section from Well Head Lane to Field End Bridge to be continued possibly to Holme village.

Inland Waterway Association local news

Wednesday 15 November, our speaker is Daniel Crowther talking about the history of the Preston Basin of the Lancaster Canal and the campaign to incorporate it into the proposed development of Preston town centre.

Wednesday 20 December, we are having a Jacob's Join followed by canal videos including an historical one of the Lancaster Canal. Bring a savoury or dessert to share.

Meetings start at 7.30pm but we're there from 7.00pm. At the Ibis Hotel Preston North, PR3 5JE, off East-way close to junction 1 of the M55. We welcome non members.

If you have an article, story, observations or photo you'd like to share with fellow members in this monthly Bulletin please email to chair@lctrust.co.uk

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