

Sharing Towpaths

Q16 Thinking about the activities you do along the towpath, is there anything about these activities that you think other visitors should be made aware of in order to encourage safer and more harmonious sharing of the towpath? Please enter your response in the box below.

Answered: 1,032 Skipped: 1,116

#	Responses	Date
1	boat owners not to use towpaths as dining areas cyclists to ring bells	5/11/2014 6:11 AM
2	Information boards about local destinations and where the towpath leads.	5/8/2014 7:32 AM
3	The need to make other users aware of your approach when coming up behind them., without getting so close that they early jump out of their skin when a bell is rung or a warning shouted.	5/7/2014 1:27 PM
4	Keeping dogs under control. When 2 or more people are walking together they should all move to the same side of the path to allow cyclists maximum room to pass safely	5/7/2014 11:27 AM
5	respect for others	5/4/2014 3:22 AM
6	I suffer from hearing loss and find that some cyclists can be inconsiderate of other users overtaking at speed without warning. Cyclists should give an audible warning when approaching from behind, and pass considerately. Dogs should be kept under close control.	5/3/2014 10:58 AM
7	Cyclists should be more considerate and observe the speed limit. Dog walkers and horse riders who don't clean up their animals fouling should face heavy fines or a ban. adults and children should refrain from throwing sticks and stones in the water especially to encourage their dogs to retrieve them. no dog swimming and adult bathing in designated areas only.	5/3/2014 3:30 AM
8	Respect for other users and their activities - particularly anglers and canoeist	5/3/2014 3:25 AM
9	Show respect for the tranquility of the waterway	5/2/2014 2:55 PM
10	As a shortsighted walker, I appreciate a cyclist....they can't be heard... using their bell as they approach me from behind! I'm 66 and sometimes wobble!	5/2/2014 2:51 PM
11	You need to stop making absurd assertions about the risk presented by horse riders to others .	5/2/2014 1:44 PM
12	no	5/2/2014 11:17 AM
13	The considerate slowing down of cyclists for other towpath users	5/2/2014 10:31 AM
14	For visitors to be aware of others; eg bikes with bells, dogs on leads.	5/2/2014 9:24 AM
15	Hammering in mooring pins and use of ropes with boats.	5/2/2014 9:23 AM
16	Surfacing of towpaths need to take account of boats mooring. If there is no piling or rings, boaters need to be able to bang in mooring pins. One of the greatest pleasures of boating for me is that other boaters are usually friendly and I enjoy chatting to people I meet on the towpath. I would like other users of the towpaths to understand this and share this enjoyment. I expect that walkers meeting two boats sharing locks think they are friends. But often the boaters have only just met and are enjoying sharing the lock work. It would be good to include more walkers in the chat and atmosphere of the canals.	5/2/2014 9:22 AM
17	Careful control of dogs (we have 2 of our own). Clearing up after dogs. More consideration from some cyclists and some fishermen	5/2/2014 9:10 AM
18	N/A as this response is on behalf of all members of The Inland Waterways Association	5/2/2014 9:03 AM
19	Don't really get problems on canal paths compared to other shared routes. On other routes dogs off lead are a major problem, but canal dog walkers seem to be very considerate.	5/2/2014 8:53 AM
20	People need to be made aware that their dogs need to be kept under control and cyclists need to slow down on the towpaths.	5/2/2014 8:10 AM
21	They should know who they can contact and that something will be done when they see something anti social	5/2/2014 7:44 AM

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22	Narrow and/or muddy towpaths. Busy towpaths alongside lock flights and historic sites. Fed up with speeding cyclists.	5/2/2014 7:43 AM
23	That boaters need to walk on the towpaths at times to do locks and these should be kept clear at all times, to be worked.	5/2/2014 7:42 AM
24	I can't always hear a cyclist behind me, they should realise that I might not walk in a straight line! Boaters need to feel safe when walking between locks and cyclists should give way.	5/2/2014 7:16 AM
25	The slowest has priority at all times and the towpath should not be blocked.	5/2/2014 6:54 AM
26	Take litter home	5/2/2014 6:11 AM
27	cyclists to slow down and ring their bell when approaching other users.	5/2/2014 5:38 AM
28	I don't want to be endangered by speeding, vulgar language using, inconsiderate cyclists!	5/2/2014 5:18 AM
29	Who has priority, who gives way to who.	5/2/2014 4:29 AM
30	community led walks occur regularly	5/2/2014 4:17 AM
31	CYCLEISTS AND RUNNERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF OTHER USES AND GIVE A WARNING THAT THEY ARE ABOUT AND NOT JUST FORCE A WAY PAST PEOPLE [NOT USEING I PODS AND SUCH]	5/2/2014 4:02 AM
32	As a Guide Dog owner I guess I kind of stand out a bit! I can't say that I have experienced any problems from fellow towpath users. Most are very courteous and considerate. The biggest problem I face is the degenerated state of the surface and structure of many towpaths. Slippery mud, huge puddles, broken surfaces with ruts, ridges, holes, crumbling edges etc all pose a big challenge and danger to me and other users. The repaired, resurfaced tracks are marvellous.	5/2/2014 3:36 AM
33	Not obstruct areas designated for mooring.	5/2/2014 3:36 AM
34	Cyclists to ride slowly and consider others	5/2/2014 3:04 AM
35	Most users of the towpath in the country tend to look out for each other. It is the urban areas or Sustrans numbered routes that are the biggest problem, cyclists using a route to commute. Cyclists must be made to realise it is not their right!	5/2/2014 2:39 AM
36	Even friendly dogs can be unpredictable. Wearing headphones is a bad idea as you wont hear cycles and joggers coming up behind you	5/2/2014 2:26 AM
37	No	5/2/2014 2:25 AM
38	make cyclists dismount	5/2/2014 2:22 AM
39	People should be warned not to sit with legs dangling in the ocks	5/2/2014 2:21 AM
40	Slow down and take care when navigating under low bridges with narrow paths.	5/2/2014 2:01 AM
41	Just to Share with care for all users Then we all enjoy towpath	5/2/2014 1:33 AM
42	I am part of a narrowboat charity, people need to understand that the area around the locks are for boats primarily. Therefore they need to keep the are clear from fishing etc to enable boaters to use their ropes and work safely rather than climbing over their equipment etc.	5/2/2014 1:19 AM
43	Inconsiderate cyclists need to be aware they bring responsible cyclist a bad name. Other users such as dog walkers also need to be considerate.	5/2/2014 12:49 AM
44	No more music in ears	5/2/2014 12:37 AM
45	Cleaning dog waste & not dropping litter. Sensible cycling speed.	5/1/2014 11:55 PM
46	care that mooring ropes do not cross footpath Marking pins with visible object mainly for hire boats	5/1/2014 11:18 PM
47	Tell the cyclist they do not have right of way when I'm mooring my boat	5/1/2014 8:50 PM

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48	Making me aware of their presence/ intention of wanting to pass WELL IN ADVANCE of wishing to do so - pref via bell, as this is most audible, and most-obviously a sign of wanting to pass cf being close enough to speak. That I should be able to stand and appreciate the whole scene, and take photographs, without risk. That certain places are, more than others, *destinations* for 'stopping and staring', duck-feeding, photographing and meandering - so less suitable for through-cycling above a certain speed. Walking vis, age - much less adept now, as I age, at getting out of way quickly if need be ie righting-reactions and balance deteriorate as we age - therefore quite a risk, as next to water, often on narrow or cobbled paths cf other place which don't carry same risks. The heritage benefits of certain areas ie that cobbled towpaths and mooring rings are very much a feature of the historic canalscape cf calls I've heard from cyclists for 'the whole lot to be tarmaced' - if you don't like the heritage, cycle elsewhere! Be aware of works being carried out on the towpath - often by volunteers - as often cyclists take no notice of 'Men at Work' signs and simply try to plough through volunteers regardless.	5/1/2014 4:05 PM
49	keep dogs under control	5/1/2014 3:20 PM
50	Cyclists slow down - otherwise you scare people who have come here for peace!	5/1/2014 2:45 PM
51	That angling equipment is generally expensive, although that might be difficult to not encourage criminals.	5/1/2014 1:08 PM
52	Bicycle Bells! Why don't cyclists use them?	5/1/2014 12:27 PM
53	Walking and relaxing by water.	5/1/2014 12:15 PM
54	Just be considerate	5/1/2014 11:24 AM
55	Moorings kept clear, dogs cleaned up after	5/1/2014 10:04 AM
56	They should behave in a civilised fashion.	5/1/2014 9:56 AM
57	Cyclist advertising their presence to other users by pinging a bell or "cyclist coming through"	5/1/2014 9:55 AM
58	bikes need to slow down, dogs need to be kept under control and not allowed to foul the towpath	5/1/2014 9:48 AM
59	Already covered in earlier comments	5/1/2014 9:44 AM
60	Bells on cycles - we have them on all ours.	5/1/2014 9:41 AM
61	Boaters needs drop/pick up crew and right to moor	5/1/2014 9:36 AM
62	cycles should ALL have bells to let walkers and others know they are there and slow down	5/1/2014 9:15 AM
63	My biggest issue is fishermen setting up alongside locks (despite the signs no fishing). On one occasion the 'single' mooring post was being used to support an umbrella and a member of my crew was almost pulled into the river because she was unable to tie off the boat. Fishermen have such a large % of the river they can use, but some choose to go right by locks?	5/1/2014 8:37 AM
64	Anglers be responsible with their kit and not clutter the towpath	5/1/2014 8:13 AM
65	Some anglers use poles rather than rods and reels, these by their nature can obstruct the tow path. Anglers need to try to minimise this obstruction but other users need to be aware that if an angler is playing a fish he may not be able to immediately clear the obstruction.	5/1/2014 7:55 AM
66	Bike - I cannot stop dead without falling off! Dog - May not go in a predictable direction Running - Keep your headphone music down so you can hear others coming.	5/1/2014 7:52 AM
67	Not to have barbecues and leave all their litter. Not to impede landing stages for boating by fishing or picnicking from them	5/1/2014 7:47 AM
68	The canals are a reminder of times past, they should not be for rushing, continually looking behind you to avoid bikes, or being frightened to allow children to enjoy them. The whole structure is of 17th/18th construction and little has changed today. Lets not misuse this rare commodity	5/1/2014 7:24 AM
69	No	5/1/2014 7:17 AM
70	Cyclists should remember that pedestrians have priority. A cycle bell is a signal of their presence, not a demand to get out of their way.	5/1/2014 7:16 AM
71	CYCLISTS SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO USE BELLS OR OTHER WARNING OF APPROACH WHEN USING TOWPATHS	5/1/2014 6:59 AM
72	Be aware of inconsiderate speeding cyclists	5/1/2014 6:53 AM
73	Dog poo not for the path but NOT in the canal either! Disgusting and seen too much nowadays	5/1/2014 6:29 AM
74	No	5/1/2014 6:20 AM

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75	I try to ensure that where possible I allow cyclists to continue along on their journey, by moving aside. I feel that this is an attitude which could help all users to enjoy the shared towpath.	5/1/2014 6:11 AM
76	signs that actually encourage respect for other peoples activities on towpaths.	5/1/2014 5:55 AM
77	Adequate signage around the locks	5/1/2014 5:55 AM
78	get rid of cyclists, drunks and drug addicts. Plenty of dealers on the towpath, rid of dog poo	5/1/2014 5:40 AM
79	Locally not noticed any real problems re sharing access.	5/1/2014 5:39 AM
80	Slower pace to activities, not everybody moves at the same pace, nor are inclined to do so.	5/1/2014 5:35 AM
81	yes tell them not to throw shopping trolleys in the canals as they dont fit to well round propellers	5/1/2014 5:15 AM
82	Perhaps allow a cyclist to pass on the opposite side from the water's edge, especially if it is a child on the bike. (Cyclists should have bells ideally and it needs to be emphasised these are simply to say "Excuse me" rather than, "Get out of my way!"	5/1/2014 5:07 AM
83	Not to use motor cycles.	5/1/2014 5:03 AM
84	Keep dogs and objects out of the water	5/1/2014 5:03 AM
85	Permanent moorers keeping their stretch of towpath free from obstructions - saws, dogs, chairs, fires rubbish. Dog owners clearing up after their dogs Cyclists slowing down for pedestrians	5/1/2014 4:54 AM
86	Cyclists need to slow down and be prepared to give way to others,	5/1/2014 4:52 AM
87	To be respectful and courteous.	5/1/2014 4:48 AM
88	Safety warning signs at locks.	5/1/2014 4:40 AM
89	Some cyclists and joggers should show more respect to ALL users of the towpaths.	5/1/2014 4:32 AM
90	pick up "dog mess"	5/1/2014 4:31 AM
91	none	5/1/2014 4:24 AM
92	better education as to the needs of boaters, and to keep back and not get in the way	5/1/2014 4:24 AM
93	Walking the towpaths is a nice way to remotely forget your in the middle of a large city.	5/1/2014 4:21 AM
94	Look out for cyclists	5/1/2014 4:13 AM
95	Is it harmoniopus 99% of the time	5/1/2014 4:01 AM
96	Better signs, wider towpaths.	5/1/2014 3:52 AM
97	I haven't had a 'harmonious use' problem so I don't know	5/1/2014 3:39 AM
98	Viistors should be aware that canals were built for boats. Boaters should respect resident's needs	5/1/2014 3:39 AM
99	Cycling can be a bit of an issue at times due to the narrowness of the towpaths. There may need to be consideration of how to best use the space for both activities	5/1/2014 3:22 AM
100	repeated bad behaviour will be dealt with through asbo's	5/1/2014 2:22 AM
101	The needs of boaters!!!!	5/1/2014 1:12 AM
102	To visitors I would say "Please don't drop litter - it spoil the environment"	4/30/2014 11:50 PM
103	Cyclists are a real danger, only a matter of time before there is a serious accident, maybe then the canal trust will do something about them.	4/30/2014 3:54 PM
104	remember that families will be out at weekends - including small children and elderly and disabled and dogs	4/30/2014 2:57 PM
105	Nothing not already covered in Q1-15	4/30/2014 2:15 PM
106	keep dogs on a lead at all times,	4/30/2014 12:44 PM
107	That it is very stressful to have cyclists riding too fast past pedestrians	4/30/2014 11:38 AM
108	Old lady ahead! Please don't be moving so fast that you can't avoid running into me or forcing me to jump into a mud puddle. This applies to joggers and cyclists primarily.	4/30/2014 11:19 AM
109	Rubbish is the biggest issue. Do not litter.	4/30/2014 10:56 AM
110	As I have said cyclists especially need more awareness of everyone else around them; many of them do not slow down and others think a bell tinkle right behind you is enough to give them right of way.	4/30/2014 7:09 AM

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111	everything should be done slowly	4/30/2014 7:08 AM
112	Users should respect other activities on a towpath even if they have no interest themselves and try not to be a nuisance to others.	4/30/2014 7:06 AM
113	Just that it is a shared environment and as such we need to all be bit more accommodating to each other. For me people not cleaning up after their dogs/ a lack of dog poo bins is the big thing, there is so much poo on the towpath it is impossible to avoid sometimes. I think people need to be made more aware that the towpath is not only a wonderful leisure resource its also where people live and often a commuting route. Stepping in dog poo on my way to work is one of the only problems I have with my time on the canal.	4/30/2014 6:26 AM
114	Only that it is shared, it's not a towpath for boaters, anglers or other long term users with everyone else allowed 'permissive' use.	4/30/2014 5:54 AM
115	Angling equipment can be very expensive, I would like to see cyclists banned or at least made to dismount and walk with there bike (as a very small minority do) when passing anglers. All cyclists using canal towpaths to purchase licence which is clearly displayed so they could be reported for bad behaviour.	4/30/2014 5:18 AM
116	More emphasis on speed limits for cycles and make fitting a bell or other warning item compulsory. More posters and bins to highlight the problem of dog fouling and not clearing it up.	4/30/2014 1:31 AM
117	Some of our angling equipment is cumbersome and there fore may need to be moved slowly rather than hurried.	4/29/2014 11:44 PM
118	At times, anglers will be using long poles to fish with, intermittently these will be blocking the towpath. Personally, I check before I do this and try to avoid blocking other users path, however other users should be aware that this could be the case and they should be prepared to wait for a minute or so whilst the angler gets the pole out of their way. The fishing pole is an expensive piece of equipment so people trying to rush may damage the pole and cause conflict.	4/29/2014 11:33 PM
119	bikes	4/29/2014 10:13 PM
120	angling is a hobby that can be enjoyed by all ages and all disabilities. It gives an oportunity to unwind and enjoy the delightful environment and enjoy being outdoors. Tuition is often provided free; encouraging young people to take up this hobby can last them a lifetime and benefits them and society	4/29/2014 9:14 PM
121	could we please also add enforcement of dog offences to the list of good behaviors, it's about time dog poop got sorted to.	4/29/2014 5:00 PM
122	Overhead power cables and the risks associated with them not only to anglers but also the passing public. DOG FOULING OF VERGES NEAR LOCKS MUST BE PICKED UP AS CANOEISTS USE THE VERGES TO ENTER AND EXIT THEIR CANOES AND MANY TIMES I HAVE PUT MY HAND INTO DOG EXCREMENT	4/29/2014 2:23 PM
123	Considerate cycling is enormously important but it is near impossible if groups of pedestrians entirely block the towpath. There are frequent cyclists so leave a gap! Three abreast is too many. Most people do leave a gap however. Perhaps better lighting on dark sections at night? An ambitious idea might be to find a way to use a section of canal as a venue of sorts - floating performances?	4/29/2014 2:08 PM
124	Teaching recent imigrants the laws of or country	4/29/2014 11:54 AM
125	Get off bikes and walk past anglers keep dogs on leashes get canoeists to pay the same as boaters	4/29/2014 11:44 AM
126	Some bike riders need to be more tolerant and slow down	4/29/2014 11:35 AM
127	The high cost of carbon fibre poles The importance of a fish lost as a boat passes through cutting the anglers line both in terms of costing an angler the competition and the fish being left with a hook and line. Cyclists must sound a bell when approaching a bend or other blind spot. Dogs should be kept under control	4/29/2014 9:05 AM
128	cyclists need to slow down when passing walkers.	4/29/2014 9:04 AM
129	See earlier comment about headphones!	4/29/2014 8:27 AM
130	Sort the trees out and vegetation along the towpaths	4/29/2014 8:22 AM
131	The speed limit	4/29/2014 8:09 AM
132	Educate users about shared usage rights	4/29/2014 8:03 AM

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133	cyclists slow down or dismount when approaching a group of anglers who are probably in a competition	4/29/2014 7:03 AM
134	To always be considerate and polite to others. Anglers and boaters being the primary income to pay for the facilities always end up with abuse and bad reputation, when it is others that cause this	4/29/2014 6:50 AM
135	that the area is shared space and all the users have a right to be there. In terms of cycling it should be made clear that money is given to the trust by TfL for cycling along the tow paths.	4/29/2014 6:29 AM
136	Cyclists should be aware that anglers may be using equipment that is very expensive and liable to damage if they do not respect they are sharing the towpath.	4/29/2014 6:14 AM
137	Failure to understand that angling requires a certain amount of space and some patience should be shown if the angler is playing a fish. Angling is the only other CRT user apart from boating that pays.	4/29/2014 5:59 AM
138	Presence of mooring equipment.	4/29/2014 5:48 AM
139	(a) Cyclists, generally, need to be more considerate, especially younger cyclists and those who bomb around the place on mountain / off-road cycles, etc. Groups of cyclists often compound the problem. (b) Dog owners should clean up after their animals. I find this a huge problem on most of the rural canals that I visit. (The old saying 'Out of sight; out of mind' - springs to mind !!).	4/29/2014 5:20 AM
140	I think the duty of care lies with me as a cyclist, and not with slower-moving visitors. However, clearly understood guidelines as to how cyclists should pass considerately would be beneficial. (I know this already exists with the 'two tings' system, though that is routinely abused by cyclists who think that just ringing their bell will make other people magically disappear!)	4/29/2014 4:41 AM
141	Please pay attention to your surroundings. Respect the rights of other users to be on the towpath, irrespective of their mode of transport.	4/29/2014 4:19 AM
142	Young children live on boats fast boats going past cause them to fall over. More slow down signs racing cyclists are just dangerous	4/29/2014 4:18 AM
143	Runners and cyclists should proceed with extreme caution around pedestrians, especially those with very young children and dogs.	4/29/2014 3:33 AM
144	Be made aware that there are also people living on the canal!	4/29/2014 3:15 AM
145	Know how to get out of the way of faster moving users safely.	4/29/2014 3:07 AM
146	Dog walkers cleaning up their animals faeces	4/29/2014 2:30 AM
147	more publicity about usage of towpaths to encourage usage and improve sense of security	4/29/2014 2:14 AM
148	It is NOT a bike race track	4/29/2014 2:09 AM
149	Pay attention to other users, joggers with headphones can't hear bike bells, look behind you occasionally. A slow cyclist is still faster than a runner.	4/29/2014 1:45 AM
150	Warning signs when there are local angling competitions, so that boaters and cyclists slow down.	4/29/2014 1:40 AM
151	I'd like visitors to realise that we have to clear an area of dog poo if we want to moor and that it's very unpleasant especially when you are outside in the dark. It is not acceptable anywhere to let our dog poo and then leave it. It is a big problem. Visitors don't think about the fact that the towpath is a temporary garden to most boaters. No one wants dog poo in their gardens. Same with fast cyclists, they need to be reminded that the towpath is not a road and that safety is paramount as there are many vulnerable users like children, dogs, elderly/disabled people.	4/29/2014 1:35 AM
152	Motorbikes not allowed	4/29/2014 1:11 AM
153	Anglers need space for their equipment (i.e. umbrellas and poles) which on the narrow stretches can spread across the towpath. Consideration of this should be made by other users.	4/28/2014 3:29 PM
154	Anglers should not fish from dedicated mooring sites.	4/28/2014 12:37 PM
155	See earlier response about sharing the space with cyclists and ringing bells	4/28/2014 12:01 PM
156	When volunteering on the towpath some common sense from cyclists would be welcome.	4/28/2014 11:13 AM
157	Use of headphones by all users! Taking care at bridges and comers	4/28/2014 9:37 AM
158	Cyclists should be aware that they do not have precedence over walkers, and use a bell/ other alarm to alert walkers when they are approaching.	4/28/2014 9:15 AM
159	Fine dog-owners who don't clear up dog mess & allow their dogs to run free	4/28/2014 9:03 AM

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160	No	4/28/2014 7:00 AM
161	Keep large dogs under control and limit use by cyclists.	4/28/2014 6:17 AM
162	Dogs kept on lead and clearing of dog mess	4/28/2014 6:02 AM
163	In narrow places, people shouldn't block the route by walking 2-3 abreast or with dogs on retractable leads.	4/28/2014 5:59 AM
164	That the canals can be 'green and peaceful, traffic free spaces' in the middle of urban areas - that they are full of biodiversity and wildlife which can be appreciated and protected.	4/28/2014 4:38 AM
165	"Take nothing but pictures. Leave nothing but footprints".	4/28/2014 3:59 AM
166	if you encourage boaters fishermen to report problems of use the CRT should send out rangers to police the area	4/28/2014 3:18 AM
167	I think cyclist should always ring their bell when approaching pedestrians from behind, and when meeting head on (cyclists and pedestrians) should move to the left (as if on the highway).	4/28/2014 1:58 AM
168	To give lots of room when cyclists are passing, especially in narrow places which are uneven/muddy/ potentially slippery	4/28/2014 1:48 AM
169	People just need to have respect for one another	4/28/2014 12:56 AM
170	Visitors should be aware that cyclists have a right to use the towpath.	4/27/2014 5:05 PM
171	Commuter cyclists need to remember leisure cyclists need more space when passing as not used to towpath. That if they want to go fast they should use the road instead	4/27/2014 3:59 PM
172	Anglers using fishing poles can sometimes be seen as causing a nuisance when shipping the pole backwards, especially when landing a fish, this has to be done as quickly as practicable to help protect the health of the fish on the end of the line, not all users of the towpath (especially Cyclists and Joggers) understand the importance of this.	4/27/2014 12:37 PM
173	No	4/27/2014 9:40 AM
174	Use a LOUD bicycle bell. Take their litter home. Clear up their dog's mess. Be aware that locks and movable bridges can be dangerous.	4/27/2014 6:49 AM
175	That towpaths are not uniform, they vary between town and country, they can be very narrow or very wide and the surface is not consistent	4/27/2014 4:54 AM
176	Disposing of litter sensitively.	4/27/2014 3:55 AM
177	Use of bells by cyclists	4/27/2014 3:45 AM
178	dog fouling is main problem for cyclists	4/27/2014 2:48 AM
179	More sign's and supervision	4/27/2014 12:43 AM
180	do not block the tow path and show more respect for nature and people	4/26/2014 11:13 PM
181	Decent towpaths so that people can easily pass each other without going into ruts or into mud. Dogs on leads, fishermen not using towpath as though it is for their sole use, cyclists slower and with bells.	4/26/2014 3:19 PM
182	Think I have covered this question elsewhere. Most dog walkers, cyclists etc are fine and we all slow down pass each other with courteous greeting but sometimes I meet dogs which owners have no control over at all. They are a danger to all users.	4/26/2014 2:16 PM
183	Awareness of other users activities eg bells on bikes - two tings was a good promotion - reinstate this.	4/26/2014 2:14 PM
184	Horse use.	4/26/2014 1:49 PM
185	Picking up dog poo and being aware that not everyone likes dogs	4/26/2014 12:59 PM
186	People should not expect to look left and right, as crossing the road, every time they step off their boat in order to avoid speeding cyclists. Cyclists need to know they do not have right of way! And ringing the bell does not give them right of way either!	4/26/2014 9:13 AM
187	Dogs on leads. Dogs poo to be picked up. Cyclists to stop speeding, use warning bell when approaching. Bikes should be licenced and have a index number on front and rear of bike. Pedestrians should refrain from peering in windows of boats and sticking heads in doors	4/26/2014 8:47 AM
188	Clear up behind them take litter home	4/26/2014 8:18 AM
189	be aware of the other activities which are allowed on the towpath	4/26/2014 7:52 AM

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190	Dog mess a big issue for mooring boats. All too often it fouls the grass verge where boaters have to tread.	4/26/2014 7:51 AM
191	I feel embarrassed that walkers step completely off the path to let me by on my bike, when I'm quite prepared to go on the grass to pass them, and completely unlikely to hit them.	4/26/2014 2:39 AM
192	No	4/26/2014 1:28 AM
193	dog owners to clear up dog mess	4/26/2014 12:04 AM
194	Users blocking the path i.e. fishermen often have their kit completely blocking the path and during matches it is difficult to get down the path	4/25/2014 10:38 PM
195	Cyclists should slow down and give warning to pedestrians they are passing. Pedestrians should stop and allow room for cyclists to pass safely if the path is narrow.	4/25/2014 3:31 PM
196	That they require a good deal of space and consideration. All of them.	4/25/2014 2:26 PM
197	No	4/25/2014 1:53 PM
198	Be alert, be aware, of other users any uses.	4/25/2014 1:40 PM
199	Make visitors aware of possible trip hazards from mooring ropes/pins.	4/25/2014 1:28 PM
200	It should be made clear that cyclists are allowed on the tow paths - some people seems to think they are not.	4/25/2014 1:22 PM
201	I know not much room on a towpath but it should be enjoyed by a disciplines especially allowing horses as they were built for horses years ago.	4/25/2014 1:06 PM
202	Be aware of other users share the space be considerate	4/25/2014 11:57 AM
203	THINK! Boaters may have young children or elderly less mobile people aboard who cannot always realise or take avoiding action when met by fast cyclists.	4/25/2014 11:48 AM
204	Already mentioned speed of cycling and dog waste issues.	4/25/2014 11:40 AM
205	boaters usually like to chat	4/25/2014 10:40 AM
206	Cleaning up after dogs	4/25/2014 10:34 AM
207	More awareness of cyclists	4/25/2014 9:58 AM
208	Keep left Be more aware of their surroundings.	4/25/2014 9:43 AM
209	Fast cycling inappropriate. Double and triple mooring clogs the waterways and can partially block towpaths. Feeding bread in large quantities is bad for birds and water quality. Cyclists need to be aware that people who are hard of hearing are not aware of bicycles approaching and may step the wrong way if startled.	4/25/2014 9:11 AM
210	dogs can be aggressive towards cyclists	4/25/2014 8:52 AM
211	Keep left or away from the water edge, contradictory and mixed messages, advise/research needed.	4/25/2014 7:44 AM
212	Chopping wood on towpaths is inconsiderate as is blocking them with fishing rods etc	4/25/2014 7:39 AM
213	Don't wear headphones. Fishermen, accept that people do like to cycle on the towpath. Inconsiderate cyclists, It's a towpath not a race track	4/25/2014 7:31 AM
214	For anglers to be made aware of those passing them	4/25/2014 7:18 AM
215	Just approaches to locks, or when getting off to moor boat, always be aware it takes a while to pull on ropes to get boat in, and people won't wait till you stop sometimes, can be dangerous, and could knock someone in, if cyclists would use bell, as warning, as engine noisy.	4/25/2014 6:54 AM
216	Working in partnership with TfL and London boroughs, CRT could think about signing to credible alternative routes for people who want to cycle faster (in London)	4/25/2014 6:31 AM
217	Behaviour round locks in busy areas. Parents need to educate their children better about safety. Most boaters are happy to let children help but are not responsible for their safety	4/25/2014 5:36 AM
218	Introduction of recycling facilities - VERY important. We boat annually, all over the UK, and recycling facilities are extremely poor. We take ours home - others are not so caring. With the introduced popularity of boating, and increased awareness of recycling, this is something you MUST address. You are VERY poor at providing recycling facilities nationally.	4/25/2014 4:37 AM

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219	Some boaters can take over the towpath with their belongings. The towpath is a shared facility and hence all belongings should be kept on board. Provided the towpath is wide enough, it should be acceptable for a boater to sit on a "garden chair" and relax as long as there is sufficient room for others to pass unimpeded.	4/25/2014 4:32 AM
220	As previous responses	4/25/2014 4:24 AM
221	Speeds. No use of waterway either land or water above a reasonable walking pace. Do something about the sense of entitlement of a large number of cyclists who dominate the towpaths both as commuters or leisure riders. Rude and silent.	4/25/2014 2:34 AM
222	visitors should made aware that cycling is allowed on the towpath	4/25/2014 1:57 AM
223	General awareness that cyclists do use towpaths, and are allowed to do so. That having priority does not give cart blanche to use teh path in an obstructive manner.	4/25/2014 1:50 AM
224	A universal statement of which side to use would be good, eg keep to the left.	4/25/2014 1:29 AM
225	No	4/24/2014 2:08 PM
226	Anglers need to be made aware that laying their rods across the path is not acceptable, as it impedes cyclists.	4/24/2014 11:09 AM
227	Use of cycle bells is pointless if people are wearing headphones e.g. joggers, walkers etc	4/24/2014 10:54 AM
228	As a cyclist I find many walkers & joggers are using earphones and are oblivious to my presence even though I have rung my bell. This seems more of a problem when they are also exercising a dog(s).	4/24/2014 10:12 AM
229	Making them aware of who and what they might encounter on the path. Ask anglers not to lay their rods across the path. Ask kayaks to paddle on the other side when people are fishing. Ask anglers to be polite to kayakers as they can be quite horrible to kayakers. Kayaks need a place to launch and recover well away from fishing areas. Dog swimming steps are brilliant to keep that activity in limited spots as peploe don't want wet dogs all around them.	4/24/2014 9:56 AM
230	Anglers leaving rods etc across towpath making getting past particularly difficult for less able bodied people	4/24/2014 9:22 AM
231	Wlakers, don't walk all abreast and block the path. Anglers, dont take up the whole path with your rods. Cyclists beware of blind spots.	4/24/2014 9:13 AM
232	To recognise that it is a shared area.	4/24/2014 9:10 AM
233	more care from cyclists	4/24/2014 8:33 AM
234	To leave the towpath litter and dog waste free	4/24/2014 5:34 AM
235	signs and infrastructure as stated	4/24/2014 5:09 AM
236	Consideration to others	4/24/2014 4:52 AM
237	See comments about sharing.	4/24/2014 4:49 AM
238	Speed limit for cycles	4/24/2014 4:48 AM
239	cyclist to be more aware and considerate towards other users	4/24/2014 4:37 AM
240	Signage reminding users that the path is shared by Anglers, walkers cyclists etc, emphasis on SHARED USE	4/24/2014 4:23 AM
241	walkers should be aware that cyclists also beong on the towpath and visa versa. That Ringing a cycle bell is a polite notification of a will to pass	4/24/2014 3:31 AM
242	Would help as a cyclist to know where problems are caused so I can accommodate that.	4/24/2014 2:19 AM
243	If there is a major event which means you cannot freely use the canal as you would normally do then it should be advertised with signage in the car park as you arrive. E.g. Fishing competitions	4/24/2014 1:40 AM
244	Make it clear whether cycling is permitted	4/23/2014 1:43 PM
245	No.	4/23/2014 1:14 PM
246	be aware of other users	4/23/2014 12:53 PM
247	A small part of the angling community have been known to spread equipment indiscriminately over the tow path	4/23/2014 11:51 AM
248	I always use a bell when cycling. Some pedestrians are oblivious to anyone else. As a pedestrian I try to be aware of other users.	4/23/2014 11:49 AM

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249	Sharing works if use is low or, if it's heavy, the towpath is wide and of good quality.	4/23/2014 10:32 AM
250	A rowing club use the bridgewater canal for teaching/coaching breaking the speed limit (4mph) & the cyclist / coach concentrating on the rowers has nearly caused several accident hitting other cyclists & walkers .	4/23/2014 10:11 AM
251	sharing is caring :)	4/23/2014 10:05 AM
252	Discouraging fishermen from using mooring places. It is difficult enough to find sufficient depth of water to moor on many canals eg Ashby, Macclesfield, without the possible mooring sites being occupied by anglers. (I am a fisherman too!).	4/23/2014 9:43 AM
253	Segregated cycleways might improve the situation. Any shared facility be it towpath, Sustrans or delineated pavements are usually abused but even roadside cycleways are frequently not used by cyclists who persist in using the roadway to the inconvenience of other traffic. So providing segregated cycleways is probably a waste of money. I speak as a cyclist of many years through the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and 80s but I consider the new breed of those bearing that title have become a social menace.	4/23/2014 9:18 AM
254	Make it clear where cycling is permitted. When it isn't permitted ensure the signs are located at cyclist eye level not ground level pointing towards the water.	4/23/2014 8:47 AM
255	Dogs on long leads.	4/23/2014 8:11 AM
256	Clean up after their dogs.	4/23/2014 7:56 AM
257	Make them aware of the needs of boaters	4/23/2014 6:55 AM
258	Dangers around locks,	4/23/2014 6:50 AM
259	Anglers are often obstructive leaving poles and other equipment across the paths. Make it very clear that it is a shared use facility	4/23/2014 6:40 AM
260	If I am cycling and there is already a gap beside pedestrians I will not give a warning before passing. All too often pedestrians stop suddenly or jump sideways across the path when hearing a warning. This is more dangerous for both. It would be helpful to have some sort of marketing asking pedestrians to react calmly and non-abruptly when hearing approaching bikes.	4/23/2014 6:32 AM
261	No	4/23/2014 6:10 AM
262	As a cyclist it would be better if walkers with their back to me knew which side I was going to pass them on. For safety Dog walkers should keep Dogs on retractable leashes to avoid cyclists near waters edge. Great benefits if where possible walkers only used under bridge paths and cyclists only used a path to navigate around. Lane specific.	4/23/2014 6:06 AM
263	Long pole fishing during matches is the main obstacle to progress, but this is only a very occasional inconvenience.	4/23/2014 5:53 AM
264	Campaign so that people to consider what impact wearing head or earphones has on their ability to share the tow path	4/23/2014 5:38 AM
265	I think that walking groups should be made aware of the need to share the towpaths. They can be very arrogant and refuse to move over at all. I am perfectly willing to stop on narrow parts but given a wide pathway why can't we all keep moving, manners cost nothing	4/23/2014 5:18 AM
266	A bell isn't a signal to "get out of my way" - it just means "I am here".	4/23/2014 5:18 AM
267	Not wearing of earphones, dogs and children under control and fishermen not blocking the tow path with their rods etc	4/23/2014 5:03 AM
268	That it is quite difficult to ride a bike a 2mph, whilst the family walks the dog.	4/23/2014 4:37 AM
269	A priority Structure.	4/23/2014 4:37 AM
270	Acceptable use of bell ringing and allowing other towpath users enough space when passing	4/23/2014 4:14 AM
271	Cyclists need to be aware that they don't have priority just because they are faster. And they need to get themselves a bell!!	4/23/2014 4:03 AM
272	Be aware that cycling along these routes is sometimes a bad idea at peak canal time (sunny days, weekends, etc) or when the infrastructure is not suitable (i.e. too narrow)	4/23/2014 3:56 AM
273	Just a general awareness of and empathy with other people and your shared enjoyment.	4/23/2014 3:22 AM
274	be aware that cyclists cant stop instantly. Anglers blocking towpaths	4/23/2014 2:46 AM
275	Listen out for people behind you. Look behind you a lot. Don't walk more than two abreast. Pick up dog poo and be aware of other people on the towpath. Listen for bike bells and don't be offended when you hear one. Ring your bike bell a lot.	4/23/2014 2:39 AM

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276	They are shared use, with priority for more vulnerable users	4/23/2014 2:37 AM
277	Dogs should be kept under control. Cyclists should keep left unless passing. Pedestrians need to be aware of their surroundings	4/23/2014 2:35 AM
278	Just that it's a shared space with lots of people doing lots of different things - everyone needs to be aware of everyone else.	4/23/2014 2:25 AM
279	Just to take care of each other. Be safe	4/23/2014 2:00 AM
280	I use a bell to warn others of my approach on my cycle. The use of in-ear MP3 players negates this and I find having to use my 100db air horn a pain to me and a disturbance to others!	4/23/2014 1:31 AM
281	Fishing areas should be strictly controlled.	4/23/2014 1:20 AM
282	Getting dog walkers to pick up their dogs mess	4/23/2014 1:20 AM
283	Clean up dog poo please	4/23/2014 12:34 AM
284	Horses are part of the rural community and as such should not be excluded from use of towpaths	4/23/2014 12:33 AM
285	I think cyclists need to be more considerate of pedestrians...and I say that as a cyclist!	4/23/2014 12:32 AM
286	Alcohol and music should be kept to a minimum	4/22/2014 11:57 PM
287	In more rural areas people don't actually actually know where they are, signage and you are here signs would make it more interesting for users.	4/22/2014 11:44 PM
288	Awareness of other users who may not be doing the same thing as you	4/22/2014 10:31 PM
289	YEP: treat others as you would wish to be treated, however you or they are travelling.	4/22/2014 7:18 PM
290	Pedestrians should be encouraged to walk single-file on narrower sections of the towpath, so as not to unduly delay bicyclists. (This does not obviate the responsibility of cyclists to pass carefully, or to give way when it is not possible to pass safely.)	4/22/2014 3:53 PM
291	Everyone to just be aware of everyone else	4/22/2014 3:52 PM
292	No.	4/22/2014 3:44 PM
293	Dogs not under control are unpredictable & hazardous to cyclists even when going slowly.	4/22/2014 3:42 PM
294	Discouraging dog fouling and the imposition of tougher sanctions against dog owners who allow their dogs to cause a nuisance.	4/22/2014 3:32 PM
295	Walkers: Be prepared to move to one side if you hear a bell or rider, acknowledge the rider and smile. Riders: Slow down around people and animals, ring bell or say excuse me/thanks and smile.	4/22/2014 3:31 PM
296	Don't allow dogs such a long lead that the walker is one side of a path and the dog on the other. It makes it tricky to cycle past however considerately. Dogs are lovely but a particular problem if not under control. I have a dog of my own!	4/22/2014 2:59 PM
297	Dog walkers should not be allowed to use long leads.	4/22/2014 2:47 PM
298	To be honest the issue is the way towpaths design conflict into more than one person using the narrow paths. You can blame the users or you can actually sort out the quality and width of all the towpaths.	4/22/2014 2:40 PM
299	I'd like to see fewer fellow cyclists use it as a training run, to know that they need to share it with walkers, anglers, dogs etc, without getting angry that they can't go fast	4/22/2014 2:32 PM
300	Cyclists seem to think that ringing a bell entitles them to the right of way at any speed regardless of the fact that the pedestrian may be elderly or infirm and unable to respond quickly and safely in the space available. The bell sound should be a request not an entitlement.	4/22/2014 2:25 PM
301	There needs to be frequent signage that reminds people of the different forms of traffic.	4/22/2014 2:24 PM
302	Just that we all have as much right to our use as each other, as long as we adhere to the code, and show mutual respect.	4/22/2014 2:17 PM
303	The varied types of users and it's encouragement	4/22/2014 2:12 PM
304	Pay attention to who is behind them - I find that sometimes groups of walkers will not take any notice of my polite requests to pass on my cycle, or when I am walking. They can sometimes be oblivious to anything behind them.	4/22/2014 2:07 PM
305	people need to be aware that not everyone wishes to experience the towpath and canal in the same way that they do.	4/22/2014 1:59 PM

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306	treating the flow of "traffic" like you would a road	4/22/2014 1:54 PM
307	Consideration for other users of the canal by anglers - especially during competitions. At times one can travel for hundreds of yards stopping and starting while they (often reluctantly) move their tackle	4/22/2014 1:52 PM
308	Some users ignore me when I politely ask them if I can get past on my bike. It would be nice if people paid more attention to their surroundings.	4/22/2014 1:48 PM
309	I have provided suggestions in previous answers.	4/22/2014 1:45 PM
310	Key message to cyclists, other than my earlier remark "Feet before wheels, especially when there are four of them", is "if you are in a hurry, use the road".	4/22/2014 1:43 PM
311	That cycling is allowed on towpaths.	4/22/2014 1:35 PM
312	The dual nature needs to be made clearer for all users ie that cycling is allowed, & that anglers should not take up the whole path with their rods and paraphernalia, frequently they do not move them in hardly at all and that makes it difficult for pedestrians and people with pushchairs as much as any cyclist	4/22/2014 1:21 PM
313	the main thing is to be aware that the towpath is a shared use facility	4/22/2014 1:15 PM
314	No	4/22/2014 1:08 PM
315	Dog owners need to keep dogs under control, preferably on a lead. They also need to remove dog excrement.	4/22/2014 1:07 PM
316	Stop treating all cyclists as pests but accept them as legitimate users of towpaths. Stop insisting on "cyclists dismount" signs as these are completely unnecessary to safe shared use of towpaths and simply foster ill-will between cyclists and other towpath users.	4/22/2014 1:05 PM
317	Cyclists should have a bell and use it, and then say thank you.	4/22/2014 1:05 PM
318	As before making it clear that these are shared spaces and not solely for angry pedestrians	4/22/2014 12:53 PM
319	Groups of pedestrians should remember that they are sharing the path with people traveling much faster than themselves on bikes and as such should leave enough space to pass safely rather than taking up the entire path blocking it in the process.	4/22/2014 12:45 PM
320	No, I find that people treat me as I treat them, be polite courteous and considerate, most are out for pleasure.	4/22/2014 12:44 PM
321	Keep dogs on a lead, also narrow access gates are really frustrating.	4/22/2014 12:43 PM
322	Cycles cannot leave the towpath, so a wide towpath with narrow surface is less than ideal	4/22/2014 12:08 PM
323	'We share'....	4/22/2014 11:18 AM
324	Cyclists slowing down, bells in tunnels and no headphones!	4/22/2014 11:10 AM
325	Excuse me and Thankyou are commonly never used.	4/22/2014 11:04 AM
326	if I am cycling it is my responsibility not to collide with others	4/22/2014 11:02 AM
327	Keep dogs on a short lead. If you chose a side of the path to walk along when I pass on a bike then commit to it don't change your mind at the last minute.	4/22/2014 10:57 AM
328	to pay attention to others users and be courteous	4/22/2014 10:56 AM
329	Recognition that there are younger and less able users that you need to be aware of.	4/22/2014 10:50 AM
330	Be aware that I move quicker than a sedate amble.	4/22/2014 10:40 AM
331	To respect each other(s enjoyment of the amenity).	4/22/2014 10:38 AM
332	See previous comments	4/22/2014 10:23 AM
333	A code of conduct for dog walkers	4/22/2014 10:04 AM
334	Clean up dog poo	4/22/2014 9:46 AM
335	People should certainly be encouraged to pick up after their dog. Those who don't ruin the towpaths for all other users.	4/22/2014 9:43 AM
336	Fishermen should be discouraged from using long poles which completely cross the paths, particularly in busy areas.	4/22/2014 9:39 AM
337	Cyclists to always get the 'left lane'.	4/22/2014 9:39 AM

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338	Headphones can be an issue. When ringing a bell, its very difficult for a cyclist to tell if a pedestrian has not heard the bell (due to headphones) or has heard the bell but does not need to do anything (because they are at the side of the path).	4/22/2014 9:26 AM
339	Speed of bikers	4/22/2014 8:30 AM
340	More thought towards excluding motorised vehicles.	4/22/2014 7:49 AM
341	If wearing headphones, keep volume lower to enable hearing of audible warnings	4/22/2014 6:46 AM
342	lighten up	4/22/2014 6:37 AM
343	slow cycling	4/22/2014 5:50 AM
344	No	4/22/2014 5:32 AM
345	I cycle frequently on towpaths, but I recognise that there are cyclists who don't recognise or understand other peoples' needs - they are an embarrassment to the civilised among us. Walkers often have earphones fitted and don't hear warnings of approach. One major problem that I encounter from time to time is motorcycles and motor quad-bikes and the riders are often aggressive as well as inconsiderate.	4/22/2014 4:15 AM
346	PEDESTRIANS have right of way	4/22/2014 2:58 AM
347	Be aware that cyclists also use the towpath	4/22/2014 2:54 AM
348	Yes. make people aware that a variety of activities are allowed, and ask people to be considerate to others when they see them about their business. This is actually what I experience in my locale, and I'm surprised that this can be a problem in some places. The attitude here is 'make the time to take your time - that's what it's all about!'. If someone is clearly in a hurry, most folk will step aside, but there is a very clear difference between urban and rural use.	4/22/2014 2:18 AM
349	cyclists slow down approaching walkers	4/22/2014 1:10 AM
350	More awareness of "Two tings" as a friendly gesture.	4/21/2014 11:47 PM
351	Cyclists are always going to fast	4/21/2014 5:12 PM
352	Urge cyclists to go slow.	4/21/2014 5:11 PM
353	No	4/21/2014 4:57 PM
354	How about instead of signs waming cyclists to take care of others, signs for others to take care for cyclists? Headphones are a danger.	4/21/2014 2:51 PM
355	Bike and dog walkers should be more aware of all users	4/21/2014 1:38 PM
356	Cycle routes clearly mapped and alternative near toutes	4/21/2014 1:24 PM
357	Running: it can be difficult to warn cyclists approaching passes under bridges that you are coming, and coming with more speed than they may be expecting from someone on foot. Not sure what could be done to help this. Cycling: think pedestrians don't realise how difficult it can be to change line to weave around people. But again, not sure what can be done about this other than making other users aware that this is the case.	4/21/2014 12:52 PM
358	cyclists should be aware of fairly slow moving pedestrians.	4/21/2014 12:52 PM
359	Not to drop litter and to take their litter home with them	4/21/2014 12:16 PM
360	More to explain cyclists stay canalside, pedestrians far said.	4/21/2014 11:43 AM
361	again; 'keep left' or 'keep right' signs..	4/21/2014 11:13 AM
362	As before, users should understand the needs of other users. Although a dog lover/owner, I'm fed up with dog walkers allowing their dogs to poo on the tow-path and not clearing up. I have often had strong words with miscreants!	4/21/2014 11:13 AM
363	Cycling some are less confident	4/21/2014 11:08 AM
364	It would be helpful if the Canal & River Trust did not perpetuate the myth promoted by B.W. that horse riding presents an unreasonable hazard to other users.	4/21/2014 10:33 AM
365	Dogs must be on a lead. Dogs must be limited to only 1 per walker.	4/21/2014 10:32 AM
366	1. More bins that are emptied regularly, or at least more encouragement for users not to leave litter 2. Encourage users to clear up their dog waste. 3. Users wearing headphones are a hazard where not aware of cyclists approaching from behind. They don't hear my bell how can we address this?	4/21/2014 10:03 AM

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367	They should be made away that shared use brings all into conflict.	4/21/2014 9:50 AM
368	No comment	4/21/2014 9:34 AM
369	Canals were built for boats!	4/21/2014 9:16 AM
370	Walkers should be aware that a ringing bell from a cyclist is not an annoyance or sign of frustration but a helpful indication of your presence.	4/21/2014 9:14 AM
371	Cyclists slow down. Peds don't get cross if cyclists ding their bells. Peds don't get cross if cyclists don't ding their bells either. Everyone just chill and don't be in a rush. How about signs that say "go with love"	4/21/2014 8:46 AM
372	Give way to cyclists and runners	4/21/2014 8:37 AM
373	Walking: don't assume all walkers are equally agile, and so pass people on the water side of the towpath if you are passing some-one slower than you. They might be less confident about keeping their balance and not want to get too close to the water.	4/20/2014 5:10 PM
374	Anglers should not strew their equipment all over the path. Cyclists should have bells that they ring when approaching	4/20/2014 6:39 AM
375	A mission statement or slogan eg. Towpaths are for everyone would be good	4/20/2014 12:43 AM
376	anglers using fishing poles that extend across the the full width of the path need to be aware of other users	4/19/2014 2:32 PM
377	Pedestrians should be aware of their surroundings, including cyclists. Dog fouling is a particular problem in my area, and is not specific to towpaths	4/19/2014 12:24 PM
378	Signage to encourage cyclists to dismount near locks etc. so as not to knock boaters/walkers etc over. Signage for dog walkers to be responsible dog owners. Signage for anglers to take litter home.	4/19/2014 4:25 AM
379	Clean up after dogs	4/19/2014 3:33 AM
380	Don't thrash along on bikes to the detriment of other towpath users, don't block the towpath with fishing tackle or picnic tables or the contents of your boat!	4/19/2014 3:25 AM
381	It's annoying seeing other people letting their dogs in the water in sensitive wildlife areas. Sometimes a runner will be trying to achieve a goal and rhythm is important - it shouldn't *always* be assumed the runner should go more slowly. I would like to cycle but my usual towpaths tend to be too busy, variable widths and my confidence/competence too low.	4/19/2014 12:10 AM
382	litter picking	4/18/2014 3:28 PM
383	no	4/18/2014 10:38 AM
384	More	4/18/2014 8:59 AM
385	Fishing equipment across the path is awkward for walkers and a nuisance to cyclists. More encouragement to clean up after dogs.	4/18/2014 8:40 AM
386	Make sure you clean up dog faeces and use a bin or take it away	4/18/2014 8:19 AM
387	Have had no problems for 5 years	4/18/2014 6:14 AM
388	cyclists should be aware that not all walkers can hear their bells warning they are approaching- I saw a deaf walker step into the path of a fast moving bike	4/18/2014 5:32 AM
389	stop dogs from running free and causing problems with bait etc. keep them on a lead and clear dog mess.	4/18/2014 4:11 AM
390	Just common sense, and courtesy	4/18/2014 4:08 AM
391	Towpaths are for slow use, they are not for rapid transit.	4/18/2014 3:33 AM
392	Cyclists to slow down, take litter home and pick up after your dog.	4/18/2014 2:27 AM
393	Heritage and history and wildlife of the canal - QR codes and signage I think would 'connect' people better to their local canal and encourage more responsible use by everyone, but this needs to be backed up by good waste and landscape management of the canal and twpath by CRT	4/18/2014 2:20 AM
394	Cyclists should be encouraged to sound a bell and thank you for stepping aside. Squatters should be encouraged to seek support and accommodation from the local authority.	4/18/2014 2:14 AM
395	Consideration for others	4/18/2014 2:06 AM
396	The cost of fishing tackle. No cycling. No dog dirt	4/18/2014 1:32 AM

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397	cyclists should be aware of slower paced walkers and dog walkers	4/17/2014 11:52 PM
398	Cyclists must slow down not ring bells.	4/17/2014 3:59 PM
399	Fishermen who (still) fish close to locks and block the towpath with their poles. Dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the towpath and don't clear up after. Including boaters with dogs, as witnessed on occasions.	4/17/2014 3:54 PM
400	The 2 rings rule for cyclists should be used always - though as a cyclist I sometimes worry I'm seeming too bossy sounding my bell encountering walkers!!	4/17/2014 3:20 PM
401	no	4/17/2014 2:24 PM
402	Need for cyclists to moderate their speed when other users are present on the towpath.	4/17/2014 2:21 PM
403	Litter, especially sharps and ringed plastic, is a menace to wildlife, dogs & children; and unsightly. Cycling is fine on the towpath if you slow for pedestrians and use the bell.	4/17/2014 1:51 PM
404	try not to disturb wildlife, especially nesting birds, Swans, Ducks etc. Don't leave litter.	4/17/2014 1:40 PM
405	bells on bicycles. educating children not to drop litter or disturb wildfowl and birds	4/17/2014 1:12 PM
406	The danger of jumping off the boat when mooring up into the path of a cyclist.	4/17/2014 12:59 PM
407	cyclists to slow down when passing angling is the only pastime that have to pay!	4/17/2014 12:42 PM
408	If your dog has to seriously "go to the toilet" PICK IT UP AND EITHER BIN IT OR TAKE IT HOME!! Do not throw poo bags into hedgerows or the river, or canal. Irresponsible dog ownership! Substantial fines if seen not to clear up after the dog. Children are at risk from dog faeces, let alone the mess!	4/17/2014 12:26 PM
409	Frequently look back when on a narrow part of the path for bikers	4/17/2014 11:54 AM
410	Be aware of cyclists.	4/17/2014 11:53 AM
411	That anglers often use poles which can cross the towpath so be aware, When cycling to let people know you are approaching by calling out or ringing your bell but be aware that they may be hard of hearing or be listening to music so be prepared to disembark and walk past. When walking be aware of cyclists/joggers and move to one side so as they can pass safely and if you have a dog make sure he is under your control as the cyclist/jogger goes past, If you're walking your dog pick up his doings after him and bin it or take it home. Bin your litter or take it home it can kill the wildlife.	4/17/2014 11:21 AM
412	Yes, cyclists should have a bell and use it	4/17/2014 11:20 AM
413	Cyclists should ring a warning bell when approaching behind walkers and slow down , not expect walkers to leap out of the way at the last minute when the cyclist is almost upon them. Cyclists should be made aware that walkers have precedence and it is the cyclist who should stop and make way.	4/17/2014 11:01 AM
414	As mentioned before, litterpicking and removing all poo bags and disposing of responsibly.	4/17/2014 10:54 AM
415	No	4/17/2014 10:53 AM
416	Just as boats have a maximum speed limit, should there be on for towpath cyclists, and should a bell be imperative. I think so.	4/17/2014 10:23 AM
417	All cyclists to have a bell and USE THE BELL to warn people instead of rushing past pedestrians or slower cyclists	4/17/2014 10:14 AM
418	Don't drop rubbish and pick up dog muck	4/17/2014 10:02 AM
419	Cyclists should have a warning device fitted - and used	4/17/2014 9:54 AM
420	Consider other users.	4/17/2014 9:46 AM
421	Anglers should be made aware that they cannot use the whole footpath with their rods	4/17/2014 9:43 AM
422	Be aware of other canal users	4/17/2014 7:18 AM
423	Made aware of anglers especially pole users.	4/17/2014 6:11 AM
424	Not fishing on lock landings Not cycling close and fast next to boats Not playing music loud	4/17/2014 5:30 AM
425	Cyclist to dismount when passing all other tow path users	4/17/2014 4:57 AM
426	No	4/17/2014 3:54 AM
427	speed limits on the towpath; danger from anglers with extended rods;	4/17/2014 2:47 AM

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428	No.	4/17/2014 2:34 AM
429	Anglers should take up less space and make sure their lines are not causing a hazard to other users. Angling should be restricted to areas where there is space	4/17/2014 2:10 AM
430	As a volunteer lock keeper, we always encourage safety and harmony.	4/17/2014 1:44 AM
431	Be aware of Anglers constantly blocking towpaths	4/17/2014 1:13 AM
432	Speeding cyclists approaching pedestrians from behind without warning.	4/17/2014 12:17 AM
433	Not getting in the way at water points, locks and when mooring. Not riding over hosepipes at water points. Cyclists slowing down past moored boats. Cyclists slowing down when boats are mooring. Cyclists using lights at night.	4/16/2014 4:19 PM
434	Cyclists should give priority to walkers.	4/16/2014 1:30 PM
435	Busy waterways should be marked as such with caution for boats navigating. Bridges, locks etc	4/16/2014 1:05 PM
436	give way to boaters and anglers also to slower moving pedestrians. keep dogs on a lead dont throw poo bags in the hedges.cyclist refrain from using the tow path for speed trials	4/16/2014 12:20 PM
437	Historical backgrounds. Conjoined with their future use for quiet leisurely recreation (for all ages)	4/16/2014 11:19 AM
438	More consideration for walkers	4/16/2014 11:03 AM
439	Appreciation that the canal was built for boats and therefore should respect boat users at all times.	4/16/2014 10:58 AM
440	AS STATED, BETTER CONSIDERATION FOR ANGLERS WHO HAVE TO PAY TO USE THIS FACILITY	4/16/2014 10:55 AM
441	Stop dog owners letting their dogs leap in and out of the water whilst in the close vicinity of another user, i.e. Angler, bird feeder.	4/16/2014 9:33 AM
442	Extendable dog leads and angling poles are the work of the devil	4/16/2014 2:58 AM
443	cycle slower, do not walk in groups across the whole of the towpath especially with buggies, do not have dogs on extending leads and less use of music and headphones, think about others	4/15/2014 7:44 AM
444	I think it should not be unreasonable for people to walk along the towpath side-by-side. At the moment there is often the requirement to walk single-file because of bikes, and to a lesser extent joggers. I have no problem with them using the canal but in a more courteous manner. I would hope, however, that the towpaths should not really be seen as commuter pathways. I have seen others with prams be hassled by cyclists in a most unacceptable and stressful way.	4/15/2014 2:25 AM
445	Show consideration for other users	4/15/2014 1:56 AM
446	Be aware that I don't have eyes in the back of my head and need a polite warning if I need to gather in my dog and or make way for users especially approaching from behind.	4/15/2014 1:48 AM
447	See before	4/14/2014 2:51 PM
448	Yes, people should be aware that when a boat is being moored it is often difficult to consider the whereabouts of passers by (especially if a bit windy) due to the distraction of mooring the boat. So other towpath users should be considerate and not get in the way.	4/14/2014 1:42 PM
449	Yes, That cyclists should be licenced to use the towpath as they used to be, Anglers are licensed nationally to fish and also pay club fee's to the renting angling clubs and associations. Do you as a organisation receive any fee's from cyclist's ?	4/14/2014 1:05 PM
450	there will never never never be any harmony on any towpath while these lunatic cyclists and speed runners are allowed to use them. You are naïve if you think you can change it by accommodating them. there is only one solution for perfect harmony ban all cyclists and runners and let anglers and walkers enjoy the canal for what it is.	4/14/2014 11:27 AM
451	Anglers stop grumbling and cyclists be more patient	4/14/2014 10:08 AM
452	Dogs should always be on a lead Dog owners should always clean up after their dogs.	4/14/2014 7:27 AM
453	Avoiding the big mistake or allowing weekend nasties with the boat chucking rubbish. Last year it was a disaster. Introduce sanction for those who throw rubbish down the canal and around	4/14/2014 7:19 AM
454	More knowledge of who uses the towpath and how to treat them. As a cyclist I feel people are unaware of the canal's status as national cycle network and are unprepared for how to react when a bike approaches. Many times I have to stop suddenly as people move themselves or their dogs out of the way despite my use of a bell.	4/14/2014 7:19 AM

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455	Stop people jumping off boats dragging lines and running across the towpath without looking. Nearly had several nasty accidents trying to avoid people and head high lines.	4/14/2014 7:17 AM
456	Pedestrians can't always tell cyclists are coming. Cyclists should use bells	4/14/2014 7:15 AM
457	Fishermen should be reminded that their rods should not obstruct the towpaths	4/14/2014 2:39 AM
458	if you walk with headphones on you can't hear a cyclist's bell. Please keep your dog under control.	4/14/2014 12:18 AM
459	BOATERS SLOW DOWN KEEP TO THE MIDDLE DONT RUN YOUR BOAT IN GEER WHEN STATIONARY IT IS AN OFFENCE	4/13/2014 2:24 PM
460	Don't rush if you can help it.	4/13/2014 11:26 AM
461	that while boat users and those interacting with them from the bank try to give them space that there are times where for their safety and that of others that they must yield to maritime users	4/13/2014 9:36 AM
462	Cyclists should be made aware of the Fact that Anglers PAY to use the Towpaths to fish from through Rod Licence, Club Books and Day Tickets, where as Cyclists contribute Nothing towards the upkeep of these facilities. Anglers do not need the abuse thrown at them by some cyclists because they may have to slow down or stop temporarily whilst passing anglers.	4/13/2014 2:51 AM
463	Cyclists to ensure I am aware they are behind me before they proceed to overtake.	4/13/2014 2:33 AM
464	when fishing, and you hook a big fish it can take a few minutes sometimes to land it, now most other users are fascinated but sometimes you need to put your pole accross the towing path temporarily, most peopl edon't mind but occasionally a cyclist will really have a go	4/12/2014 10:00 AM
465	respect anglers and their kit	4/12/2014 1:38 AM
466	respecting the peace and quiet when we are moored	4/11/2014 5:59 AM
467	That towpaths are narrow and often have brambles along them, that pedestrians cannot hear cyclists who do not use their bells, that cyclist seem to expect pedestrians to leap out of the way, or will dodge around them at high speed - cyclist should understand that pedestrians take priority, and that they must slow down. Enforcing dog poo bags is becoming increasingly important as well.	4/11/2014 5:42 AM
468	Sometimes it is not easy to move out of the way quickly, cyclists should be encouraged to slow down.	4/11/2014 4:25 AM
469	Dogs on short leads please - major trip hazard! And slow cyclists down when there are other users around, or when they can't see ahead.	4/11/2014 3:53 AM
470	Cyclists dismount under bridges & at pinch spots	4/11/2014 12:41 AM
471	All events should be clearly displayed on the canal sections affected.	4/10/2014 12:20 PM
472	I think you know what is coming here, the cycle issue does need sorting a bit!	4/10/2014 12:10 PM
473	That there is limited space available on some towpaths and that Anglers are not deliberately trying to present an obstacle.	4/10/2014 12:05 PM
474	People will do what they want no matter how many signs are put up with nothing or someone to bback it up	4/10/2014 8:13 AM
475	Facilities for dog mess to be safely disposed of. More litter bins.	4/10/2014 2:55 AM
476	it costs nothing to be polite and polite behaviour benefits all.	4/10/2014 12:57 AM
477	Cycles by licence only.	4/9/2014 8:43 AM
478	More warning signs . And speed limit signs.	4/9/2014 7:23 AM
479	Encourage cyclists to give way to others and be aware that they are silent so others may not hear them approach. In the case of horses, its usually better to keep them walking forwards if possible to pass others rather than stand as they are not all very good at standing. (most towpaths have wider areas that can be used as passing places). Encourage boat people not to tie up across the towpath.	4/9/2014 5:03 AM
480	Anglers pay - shouldn't they have priority.	4/9/2014 1:56 AM
481	Personal health and wellbeing and slowing down, the importance of walking as a restorative action. Adopt a slogan eg 'slow down and chill out'	4/8/2014 11:45 PM
482	Horses are generally going to be ridden at a walk when alongside a rive or canal.	4/8/2014 2:59 PM
483	Awareness of Mooring devices and that they constitute private property and can be dangerous	4/8/2014 11:19 AM

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484	A maximum speed limit of 4 miles an hour will provide a safer and more harmonious environment.	4/8/2014 10:47 AM
485	That a smile is free and the towpath is for sharing.	4/8/2014 8:45 AM
486	Sitting at the edge of the water with their backs to passers by and often surrounded by expensive and easily damaged tackle, most anglers feel extremely vulnerable and the ones certain to come off worst in any confrontation/incident. The majority do not ignore others out of ignorance...they are simply trying to keep their heads down and avoid provoking trouble. A friendly 'good morning/afternoon/evening' will usually be warmly reciprocated – unless of course the previous passer was an 'against the clock' mountain biker who ran over the end of a £2,000 rod before it could be moved to let them pass. ALL cyclists MUST use bells/audible devices to let others know they are coming!!!!	4/8/2014 6:09 AM
487	Make both boaters and cyclist aware that anglers pay to be on the towpath, cyclist don't pay and boaters aren't aware that we do pay.	4/8/2014 2:31 AM
488	ensuring that the towpath is not obstructed e.g. by fishing tackle & mooring pins, ropes etc & clearing up responsibly after their dogs	4/7/2014 2:28 PM
489	No comments	4/7/2014 1:50 PM
490	Ask cyclists to dismount before bridges where exit is not visible and to use bell before those they can cycle under. Ask speed cyclists to slow down. Encourage all users to join local groups who work on enhancing canal environment.	4/7/2014 12:38 PM
491	Ban Bikes.The towpaths will be a lot more peaceful and safer	4/7/2014 10:10 AM
492	That we pay to fish in these particular areas and do not want to be threatened by lycra clad Bradley Wiggins wannabe's who may have to slow down because we may be obstructing the tow path slightly. Mainly for boat hire cruisers, to be advised to stick to the centre of the canal (apart from passing other vessels) as it is the deepest part of the canal. I have seen numerous boats run aground due to lack of waterway knowledge. If an angler is foolish enough to leave his fishing tackle in the way of a large barge then he or she should accept the consequences. Also to try and advise boaters of the speed limit for the waterway (maybe signs on occasional bridges)	4/7/2014 9:50 AM
493	Patience whilst I am getting my scooter on or off my boat.	4/7/2014 7:25 AM
494	Point out towpaths may be obstructed momentarily by anglers rods so take care and be patient.	4/7/2014 7:00 AM
495	Signs should be put up during fishing matches telling all that a competition is taking place boaters to keep engines low and keep to centre of river or canal and cyclist to be aware	4/7/2014 6:27 AM
496	No cycling at locks, to allow free movement to operate them.	4/7/2014 2:46 AM
497	It doesn't take many sets of wheels over your hose to turn it into a sprinkler	4/7/2014 1:52 AM
498	The impact of their activities upon the historical infrastructure and its maintenance costs	4/7/2014 1:45 AM
499	Bird watching	4/7/2014 1:24 AM
500	Cyclists should use bells and cycle slowly when there are pedestrians present, dogs should be under control (not on leads, just under control) and the towpaths should be improved and maintained to their maximum widths. Visitors should also be made aware that the Canada geese are wild animals that should not be provoked.	4/7/2014 1:22 AM
501	Discourage people fishing from blocking the towpath, install frequent barriers to slow down cyclists.	4/6/2014 6:48 PM
502	Not particularly	4/6/2014 2:56 PM
503	Increased signage at locks to ask cyclists to slow down	4/6/2014 10:50 AM
504	Stop fishermen using lock moorings by stating it clearly in their license	4/6/2014 8:30 AM
505	As previously stated, non-boating visitors should understand something of the needs of boaters when attempting to manoeuvre their craft. (You wouldn't cross a road without giving way to traffic). I also feel there should be more awareness of the dangers of deep water and people should act appropriately. I am fed up of finding footbridges at locks (for example) that have been in use for hundreds of years and greatly assist in lock operation, closed and physically barricaded because someone who should have known better has acted unsafely and suffered the consequences.	4/6/2014 8:15 AM
506	Boating- better understanding of boating needs ie mooring up, using locks by other users. Greater Safety consideration by boaters, eg marking mooring pins, keeping towpaths clear of rubbish, controlling dogs.	4/6/2014 7:35 AM

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507	CART already has signage saying that cyclists should be prepared to dismount etc. but this is conflicted with the fact that the tow paths are on published cycle maps. These maps need to change. Publishing cycle routes makes cyclists think they have priority.	4/6/2014 6:53 AM
508	keep dogs on a lead, stay away from water's edge	4/6/2014 5:30 AM
509	Boaters should be instructed to stick to the centre when passing anglers and cyclists should be told to dismount when passing anyone other than another cyclist.	4/6/2014 2:31 AM
510	make people aware they can purchase a watermate key so as to use toilets and car parking	4/5/2014 1:28 PM
511	As above stop cycling	4/5/2014 12:52 PM
512	Including in a code of conduct/behaviour emphasis on removing litter.	4/5/2014 3:55 AM
513	dogs on leads only, plus clearing up after them and bikes to slow down	4/5/2014 3:39 AM
514	Ensure dog mess is cleared up	4/4/2014 10:29 PM
515	Recognition by dog-owners that towpaths are public spaces and they should clean up after their pet.	4/4/2014 12:47 PM
516	ignorance of large walking groups	4/4/2014 12:08 PM
517	Slow down the bikes or ban them	4/4/2014 10:25 AM
518	Awareness of wheelchair users - when we can	4/4/2014 9:08 AM
519	Make users aware that anglers pay for the privilege and they have expensive gear that could be damaged if care not taken	4/4/2014 8:50 AM
520	Anglers- keep their tackle off the walking area. Boaters keep mooring lines and pegs off the walking path and well covered.	4/4/2014 5:32 AM
521	Recognise that space is shared by different modes of transport	4/4/2014 4:42 AM
522	A promoted code of conduct is always good, however I am lucky that I have only encountered good behaviour when using towpaths.	4/4/2014 2:43 AM
523	cyclists do not have the right of way and should slow down and not try to intimidate outer users	4/4/2014 1:56 AM
524	An explanation of the why boaters may need to have priority on the towpath for short periods while making preparations to moor or depart may assist with better understanding.	4/4/2014 1:22 AM
525	Cyclists in particular should be aware that people may step off their boats and not be expecting to be confronted by a 30mph whirlwind	4/3/2014 9:30 PM
526	Anglers now use long poles as a means of fishing and they are very expensive. Anglers will push the pole back across the path so they are able to break the pole down into smaller section as they land a fish. People should be made aware that this could happen but the angler will move the pole so that people can pass smoothly.	4/3/2014 3:41 PM
527	Dog owners should ensure they clean up after their pets cyclists should have more respect for every one	4/3/2014 3:30 PM
528	use notices to advise about other user, particularly anglers who are stationary, and issue a code of conduct.	4/3/2014 1:06 PM
529	That people handling a boat - e.g. mooring, working locks - need space to work, possibly most of the width of the towpath - and cannot safely get out of your way - you need to get out of theirs.	4/3/2014 12:07 PM
530	yes the amount of money paid in club fees and insurance that angling has to pay ! when other users ie cyclist do not	4/3/2014 12:05 PM
531	You should publicize the priorities: walker: cyclist: angler	4/3/2014 12:02 PM
532	As a boater we handle our ropes and DO NOT want dogs weeing on them	4/3/2014 11:49 AM
533	I would encourage more dog walkers to pick up their dogs mess	4/3/2014 11:00 AM
534	Bike commuters are actually allowed to be there, and have a good reason to use the towpath. 'THEY' aren't invading a pedestrian space, 'WE' are sharing it.	4/3/2014 10:12 AM
535	See previous answer	4/3/2014 9:06 AM
536	As an angler I want others to take care when passing me.	4/3/2014 8:59 AM
537	That walkers cannot hear cyclists approaching from behind and should not be expected to jump out of the way of cyclists.	4/3/2014 8:53 AM

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538	Get cyclists to bloody slow down and dismount now and again and tell them they don't own the place!	4/3/2014 8:02 AM
539	give anglers time to move there poles out of the way if they are blocking the towpath	4/3/2014 7:19 AM
540	Already stated, in a previous answer	4/3/2014 6:01 AM
541	Fine anglers for fishing from moorings and/or near locks and bridges. I have nothing against anglers, but, when I get abused for disturbing an angler as I am trying to moor up to operate a lock or bridge when they shouldn't be in that spot to start with.	4/3/2014 4:59 AM
542	Take care of anglers equipment laid on the ground,	4/3/2014 4:24 AM
543	aware that many cyclists do not slow down when passing!	4/3/2014 2:59 AM
544	Consistent surfacing, regular litter/rubbish collecting.	4/3/2014 1:54 AM
545	All visitors to the two-path should be aware that the tow-path is primarily for the use of boat crews and mooring boats, and that these activities have priority over other uses.	4/3/2014 1:53 AM
546	The draft code covers my thoughts on this	4/3/2014 1:44 AM
547	Near locks non-boaters need to be aware that boaters need clear access to the towpath and that it can be dangerous around a lock	4/3/2014 1:39 AM
548	Cyclists should make anglers aware of their approach to prevent possible accidents with rods, lines etc.	4/3/2014 12:01 AM
549	Inform pedestrians that other users have equal right to be there. Remind anglers to watch pedestrians and cyclists. Not to block the towpath by putting their rod down across the path even for a very short time. Appeal to cyclists that a painfully slow pace and safe passing distance may still feel to fast, to close and dangerous to frail pedestrians or this accompanying small children.	4/2/2014 5:01 PM
550	Cyclists, definitely, need more education about boat users needing to jump off and about other pedestrians around them.	4/2/2014 2:42 PM
551	The Anglers pay's to Fish and they use very expensive equipment all Tow path users should be made aware of this fact.	4/2/2014 1:30 PM
552	Understanding of how boaters have to work locks and how have to tie up where they can get to banks	4/2/2014 1:15 PM
553	Introduce effective speed control measures for cyclists. The cobbles under bridges are very effective. Around locks and especially lock flights is where the greatest need is for such measures.	4/2/2014 12:50 PM
554	I use a chainsaw to cut my firewood, responsibly, I switch it off when there are people passing, however I've nearly had accidents when cyclists have come speeding past without any warning of their approach whatsoever	4/2/2014 10:25 AM
555	having been nearly mowed down by some irresponsible cyclists while mooring up my boat cyclists need to made more aware of other canal users	4/2/2014 10:04 AM
556	Walkers need space when being passed by bicycles	4/2/2014 9:52 AM
557	Getting cyclists to SLOW DOWN when passing moored boats and ringing their bell before passing pedestrians. Getting anglers to not fish from lock landings and also not block up the towpath with their tackle. Getting dog owners to clear up their dog's mess.	4/2/2014 9:29 AM
558	Cyclists need to slow down	4/2/2014 8:40 AM
559	Everyone take their rubbish with them and dispose of it in a responsible manner (boaters included)	4/2/2014 8:13 AM
560	The amount of room that is taken up by a fishing rod and that it can take a little time to put it in a position to enable people to pass safely. Cyclists do not make a great deal of noise and they do need some form of warning signal for pedestrians on a towpath	4/2/2014 5:48 AM
561	The responsibility of using the area with a thought for others... speed limits, cleaning up after dogs, litter control, requirements of other users (especially boats)	4/2/2014 5:42 AM
562	see notes above re awareness of boater's needs.	4/2/2014 4:59 AM
563	Beware of Fishing poles and control dogs from eating out of bait boxes	4/2/2014 4:28 AM

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564	Cyclists should be made aware that not everyone can get out of their way in an instant and should be prepared to slow down or wait. Where angling is taking place noise and disturbance close to the water's edge should be avoided where possible. Anglers equipment can be very expensive, in some cases worth thousands of pounds, and care should be exercised around it. People with dogs should clear up any mess made.	4/2/2014 4:05 AM
565	Slow the cyclists and change their attitudes	4/2/2014 3:54 AM
566	dog owners in particular use the towpath as they don't have to bother using a pooper scooper that's why the canal is covered in dog shit a fact anglers who pay constantly moan about	4/2/2014 3:27 AM
567	Angling but from my experience most people don't care	4/2/2014 2:48 AM
568	Water safety has got to be made aware to everyone using the towpath.	4/2/2014 2:26 AM
569	Cyclist made to slow down or dismount when approaching anglers.	4/2/2014 1:26 AM
570	Realise that dogs and anglers use the towpaths for very legitimate reasons.	4/2/2014 1:09 AM
571	Cyclists going to fast Not cleaning up dog poo Boats mooring to close together and staying to long in one place	4/2/2014 12:04 AM
572	not to drop litter	4/1/2014 10:24 PM
573	Clear up after their dogs!! Take much more care of other users when cycling and expect people to be unpredictable and not know you are there unless you have indicated this by a bell or a polite call out. Last year while taking our canal boat through London I found the commuter cyclists quite dangerous at times even though I am a cyclist myself. Some seemed to think they owned the towpath and had no consideration for others.	4/1/2014 8:55 PM
574	In 25 years of walking, my only real conflict is with speeding cyclists. Often solos, but most usually a man or men (I'm male).	4/1/2014 7:49 PM
575	Ask people to keep their dogs under control so they are not jumping over our fishing tackle looking for food.	4/1/2014 3:31 PM
576	dogs must be kept on a lead and cyclists must have a bell or horn.	4/1/2014 3:17 PM
577	By recognising an order of precedence in the rights of users, with boaters anglers and pedestrians taking precedence over all other users	4/1/2014 2:39 PM
578	Anglers are the only ones that pay to use the tow path so respect that	4/1/2014 2:35 PM
579	At a slow pace around water, the environment is fairly safe for visitors. Most of the time. Caveat emptor.	4/1/2014 1:50 PM
580	Anglers should not block the towpath with their poles. Cyclists should ride at a sensible speed.	4/1/2014 1:37 PM
581	Generally happy with most users. Occasionally taken aback with the speed and lack of warning by some cyclists.	4/1/2014 1:36 PM
582	Dogs on leads. Take rubbish home if no bins near by.	4/1/2014 1:23 PM
583	Safety First. Boaters who live on the canal no issue with their speed. Holiday or casual boaters go too fast and their wake causes serious bank erosion	4/1/2014 12:39 PM
584	sometimes anglers fish at swing bridge and lock landing stages	4/1/2014 12:18 PM
585	Cyclist - dismount when approaching other users.	4/1/2014 12:04 PM
586	Children can step off a boat at any time. They are vulnerable to cyclists.	4/1/2014 11:56 AM
587	I think that the towpath would be a far safer and better place for all other users if cyclists reduced their speed to little more than walking pace. Also Dog owners should not allow their dogs to foul on the towpath.	4/1/2014 11:38 AM
588	Please see comment at 13.	4/1/2014 11:12 AM
589	Cyclists' awareness...	4/1/2014 10:45 AM
590	People getting on and off boats or tying up need room to do this. People working a lock need even more space, as this is a potentially life threatening activity. People sitting on lock beams, fishing on lock mooring places, cycling fast past locks or moorings are putting other people in danger. Kids throwing things from bridges onto boats, cyclists or dog walkers should be educated so they understand what they are doing.	4/1/2014 9:47 AM
591	As stated before: Better signage	4/1/2014 9:31 AM
592	As I stated previously... Cyclists must slow down. Anglers must not use lock mooring areas	4/1/2014 8:45 AM

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593	If pedestrians have priority in your code why must they get out of the way of some cyclist ringing a bell while approaching and not waiting politely but expecting the walker to get out the way. Who has right of way exactly?	4/1/2014 8:33 AM
594	slow down	4/1/2014 7:57 AM
595	Some towpaths are atrocious. Being uneven and muddy in places. Pedestrians should also be considerate to other users.	4/1/2014 7:42 AM
596	Proper and efficient enforcement of your current rules and regulations would help.	4/1/2014 7:14 AM
597	When fishing in a confined space it may be necessary to use more space behind and on the path temporarily. Runners / Cyclists should be mindfull of the Anglers equipment and slow down temporarily to ensure safety and prevent unnecessary damage.	4/1/2014 7:14 AM
598	Go somewhere else	4/1/2014 7:03 AM
599	Nobody (especially anglers) should place objects that obstruct any part of the towpath. Dog-walkers must walk BEHIND their dog (so they have to see what it's doing) and MUST pick up dogshit. Dogshit is the disgrace of the towpath.	4/1/2014 7:00 AM
600	slow down some cyclists	4/1/2014 6:50 AM
601	Boaters/canoeing should slow down while going through anglers swims and cyclists should slow down and give way to other canal users. It takes a lot of time and money to begin to catch a few fish, this can be ruined in a few seconds by boaters rushing past where I am fishing. Canoeing seem to deliberately target anglers swims as places to practice turning and rolling in their canoes. And most of them don't pay a penny to use the canals or rivers.	4/1/2014 6:41 AM
602	Ban angling. Blocking towpaths completely causes problems for every single user except the angler of course.	4/1/2014 6:40 AM
603	If you are concentrating on a task, you don't always notice other users approaching especially those on fast bikes. Bikers should not assume that a pedestrian will always walk in a straight line or stay standing still - a plant might catch their attention and they could turn to get a closer look. As a cyclist, I always slow right down or even dismount when I see other users. I don't make a lot of noise so as not to disturb other users. I don't discard litter or use the canal as a toilet or leave plastic poo bags everywhere.	4/1/2014 6:25 AM
604	Boats can and do stop! Fishermen in particular should avoid fishing at lock landings	4/1/2014 6:00 AM
605	I walk my dogs along the towpath and always pick up their mess I wish others would be as considerate and if not fined as the local councils do	4/1/2014 5:44 AM
606	I'm afraid that cyclists and pedestrians are not a compatible mix in the narrow confines of a towpath. The risks are obvious so please don't waste more money and effort trying to increase awareness to a sizeable minority of users (cyclists mainly) who just don't want to listen	4/1/2014 5:36 AM
607	keep dogs on leads; cyclists should have working bells	4/1/2014 5:12 AM
608	The legal position regarding the taking of fish	4/1/2014 5:11 AM
609	Anglers are static and very often the canal towpaths are not straight. One is confronted by a silent speeding cyclist with no regard for anyone except themselves, and even if they had any insurance you can't catch them anyway if equipment is damaged. Compulsory insurance and prominent licence numbers perhaps?	4/1/2014 4:57 AM
610	Cycling fast around locks is dangerous. Fishing on lock landings makes the work more difficult	4/1/2014 4:51 AM
611	Give priority to boaters.	4/1/2014 4:38 AM
612	Sitting in my house and garden enjoying the peace - please do not disturb	4/1/2014 4:34 AM
613	Canals are the slow lane. For boats, for cycles, for life.	4/1/2014 4:01 AM
614	I find that most types of user are compatible, with the exception of cyclists, who generally show scant regard for any other user	4/1/2014 4:00 AM
615	Boaters should accept that they are not the only users of canals. Dogs should be on leads. Cyclists should slow down	4/1/2014 3:54 AM
616	Careful, considered family cycling could be acceptable but head down speeding cycling can never be right when you have walkers, boaters and fishermen to consider. Similarly if horse riding were allowed it should be at a gentle pace, hacking rather than galloping.	4/1/2014 3:36 AM
617	"two tings" for cycle riders approaching other users, to let them know you are approaching.	4/1/2014 3:17 AM

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618	When mooring up, boaters are often distracted by their boats. Cyclists passing by should be aware of this.	4/1/2014 2:49 AM
619	Signage on the bridges informing boaters to slow down and stay in the middle of the canal when a fishing match is in progress will stop alot of conflict. Boaters through ignorance often have no idea what they should do when they come across an angler. We have hung signes off bridges in the past whilst a fishing match was in progress and it did work.	4/1/2014 2:47 AM
620	Slow down and respect of towpath users	4/1/2014 2:44 AM
621	The law requiring cyclists to have and use a bell should be enforced	4/1/2014 2:16 AM
622	See earlier response regarding cyclists particularly around locks and moorings where boaters may be struggling with mooring ropes to bring a boat into the bank or keep it under control in strong winds.	4/1/2014 2:14 AM
623	keep dogs under control. tell cyclists to slow down.	4/1/2014 2:12 AM
624	I am always being assaulted by cyclists, joggers and horse owners	4/1/2014 2:05 AM
625	Less rowdy hire boaters especially stag and hen boats. Cyclists to ride sensibly and more slowly.	4/1/2014 1:54 AM
626	At times I will occasionally block the towpath with my tackle, please give me time to move it.	4/1/2014 1:50 AM
627	To understand if I am mooring I can not jump out of thw way	4/1/2014 1:46 AM
628	Don't throw rubbish in the canal	4/1/2014 1:30 AM
629	The priority of the boater. That cyclists should give way to others. That the waterside can be dangerous.	4/1/2014 1:24 AM
630	Anglers not block the path	4/1/2014 1:24 AM
631	As stated previously - cyclists need to slow down	4/1/2014 1:22 AM
632	More positive engagement by local authorities	4/1/2014 1:03 AM
633	Often users are involved in their activity and are not always aware of other users especially when involved in something that needs concentration. Some users don't care about anyone else e.g anglers blocking the towpath near bridges	4/1/2014 12:59 AM
634	during commuting time cyclists should be aware of other users and not just expect them to get out of the way so cyclists don't have to slow down.	4/1/2014 12:53 AM
635	No.	4/1/2014 12:50 AM
636	No user of any category should expect a boater attempting to moor up, with ropes across the towpath, to stop so that they can pass at pace - they must give way to the boater.	4/1/2014 12:42 AM
637	the boaters need to access locks	4/1/2014 12:24 AM
638	they just need to think of others	4/1/2014 12:21 AM
639	Cyclists to slow down and sound bells when approaching walkers, etc. Always sound bells on blind bends, i.e. through bridges	3/31/2014 11:38 PM
640	Educate cyclists to use bells	3/31/2014 5:58 PM
641	Boat lines can be a hazard, but I try to minimise my impact on others	3/31/2014 4:00 PM
642	Cyclist should be made more aware of boaters and dogs on the towpath and not view them as an annoyance As many seem to do	3/31/2014 3:39 PM
643	As previously stated, users need to know which side of the towpath to use.	3/31/2014 3:25 PM
644	To be aware and tolerant of other users. Visitors should be encouraged to take their litter home.	3/31/2014 3:17 PM
645	Ban cycling	3/31/2014 3:13 PM
646	Responsibility to clear litter and take it home! More people are using poo bags for dogs but throwing them into the trees does not help!	3/31/2014 3:12 PM
647	walkers likely especially under blind brifge holes	3/31/2014 3:02 PM
648	Pedestrians should be asked to understand that towpath surfaces are often uneven and so cycling can be a bit wobbly. They should therefore be asked to allow cyclists to pass on the side away from the water	3/31/2014 2:55 PM
649	respect each other	3/31/2014 2:55 PM

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650	when there are competitions notices in advance wether boating,angling to allow people who use towpaths to plan their activities.	3/31/2014 2:51 PM
651	Cycling because of its speed is not a suitable towpath activity.	3/31/2014 2:51 PM
652	Slowing down speeding cyclists past other users.	3/31/2014 2:51 PM
653	keep the path clear of trees and shrubs so as not to create bottlenecks, and try to make them as wide as practical	3/31/2014 2:48 PM
654	I am hard of hearing and cyclists need to be aware that ifi do not move out of their path it is because I am unaware that they are there. ...and thAt also brings into question why another user of the restricted space on the towpath has to move aside	3/31/2014 2:48 PM
655	Cyclists are ignorant for the most part so there should be some form of permit system or amnesty for boaters that drown cyclists	3/31/2014 2:42 PM
656	You could include self defence to save people from muggers. You could include swimming lessons for the unsupervised children this selling of the towpath will bring. Notices on how to recognise the symptoms of Weils disease!	3/31/2014 2:41 PM
657	nothing not already covered	3/31/2014 2:35 PM
658	That we need to tie up our boat, respect our privacy but we are happy to talk to passers by. Be aware when I am walking I walk slowly and cant jump out of the way quickly. Be aware that I have slight hearing loss and cant hear a bike approaching but can hear a bell	3/31/2014 2:08 PM
659	Cycling speed limit. Anglers to be fined for leaving litter (difficult to enforce I know) - if they can manage to carry beer cans to site full why can't they carry them away empty?? Fines for dog fouling.	3/31/2014 1:59 PM
660	NO	3/31/2014 1:46 PM
661	Clearing up Dog Poo	3/31/2014 1:34 PM
662	no	3/31/2014 12:56 PM
663	Anglers and clubs pay for their fishing rights.	3/31/2014 12:54 PM
664	take it slow enjoy the journey smell the flowers along the way	3/31/2014 12:48 PM
665	Priority to boaters	3/31/2014 12:43 PM
666	All that is necessary is for all towpath users to show respect for others. We all have to share this world, let's do it responsibly.	3/31/2014 12:41 PM
667	As i've said safety around locks	3/31/2014 12:33 PM
668	Slow down?	3/31/2014 12:21 PM
669	Canals provide a slower, relaxed way of life and everyone should act accordingly.	3/31/2014 12:13 PM
670	Cyclists slow down; Anglers keep their kit clear of the towpath; Boaters keep their ropes and equipment clear of the towpath; dog walkers clear up after their dogs.	3/31/2014 12:02 PM
671	Cyclists must give way to pedestrians and animals on the paths.	3/31/2014 11:58 AM
672	Anglers use specialist and often very expensive equipment. Whilst they are more than happy to have a chat with other towpath users please be careful not to trod on anything.	3/31/2014 11:57 AM
673	They must be aware of the length of fishing poles and the cost	3/31/2014 11:52 AM
674	Cyclists may not know that pedestrians have priority, or that there is a speed limit. Indeed pedestrians probably don't realise this either! Too many dog walkers disrespect others by letting their dogs foul, even right next to boats, or by picking up dog mess and then leaving the bagged faeces in a hedge, on a fence, or in the middle of the path.	3/31/2014 11:46 AM
675	Information to other users particularly anglers of the purpose of lock landings and the need to keep them unobstructed	3/31/2014 11:30 AM
676	The only real issues are cyclist going to fast or the many canoes that refuse to keep to the middle. On the whole boaters a courteous. Personally I feel that the canoes should not be allowed on the canal waterway and it will only be a matter of time before a serious accident between and boat and canoe occurs.	3/31/2014 11:28 AM
677	Speed limit for cyclists	3/31/2014 11:14 AM
678	Respect the boaters. These are the people paying not too small a sum these days towards the upkeep in licence and mooring fees.	3/31/2014 11:13 AM

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679	code of practice needed	3/31/2014 11:10 AM
680	I am concerned about safety of boaters moored overnight next to towpaths. I am concerned about the obstruction of the towpath due to some long term moorers piling their junk (or possessions?) adjacent to their boats.	3/31/2014 11:09 AM
681	I DO feel that, once we're moored up for the night, the towpath becomes an extension of our (temporary) home. Therefore I wouldn't expect to be berated by a pedestrian dog-owner because her dog was 'afraid' of my dog (who was sitting, harmlessly, on the towpath, feet from our boat). She only had to ask me to move him - not scream abuse as she walked away. This incident took place several years ago, but still makes me cross, mainly because she wouldn't engage in conversation with us - just hurled verbal abuse. I pay a licence fee to use the canal - she didn't..... I DO respect other users but wonder if the (paying) stakeholders shouldn't get more rights for their £.	3/31/2014 11:02 AM
682	Priority to boaters during manoeuvring boats to moor them	3/31/2014 10:54 AM
683	Not cycling too fast near boats or where people are walking	3/31/2014 10:52 AM
684	Bells on cycles and joggers say something when approaching from behind	3/31/2014 10:47 AM
685	No	3/31/2014 10:45 AM
686	Just be more considerate to others using towpaths and canals.	3/31/2014 10:42 AM
687	Boaters need room especially when tying up their boats. Make people take their dog mess with them.	3/31/2014 10:34 AM
688	signs warning cyclist there are fisherman on the towpath	3/31/2014 10:21 AM
689	A gentle reminder that canals were built for boats, and that, inland, boaters can rarely use other waterways. Other users have far more places the can walk, cycle, angle, etc.	3/31/2014 9:54 AM
690	Mooring a narrowboat can be difficult and others should stay clear and not be too close to the edge of the water	3/31/2014 9:50 AM
691	Slow down speeding cyclists	3/31/2014 9:19 AM
692	Slow down cyclists, and for anglers to stop obstructing the towpath	3/31/2014 9:13 AM
693	Cyclists slow down and dog owners pick up.	3/31/2014 9:11 AM
694	Those visiting need to be aware that the waterways are some peoples home. Those living on the waterways need to be aware that the waters are other peoples Playground..	3/31/2014 9:02 AM
695	Yes that anglers do not deliberately block tow paths with poles, and a little time and patience should be shown.	3/31/2014 9:00 AM
696	Dogs should be on leads .	3/31/2014 8:46 AM
697	It's for sharing. If they can't share, get off the towpath.	3/31/2014 8:25 AM
698	the need to keep lock landings clear of anglers	3/31/2014 8:18 AM
699	Encouraging visitors to take rubbish home or, to the nearest disposal point and not obstruct the towpath whilst they use it.	3/31/2014 8:04 AM
700	Be considerate when people are trying to tie up a heavy boat and are moving backwards and forwards on the towpath, often too preoccupied to take notice of other users.	3/31/2014 7:06 AM
701	boaters have to jump off with rope to tie up ,fishermen still fish on lock moorings.	3/31/2014 6:30 AM
702	Nothing that's not covered elsewhere in this survey	3/31/2014 6:23 AM
703	Fishermen should not block the right of way with their tackle, ie fishing with poles that obstruct the passage of others.	3/31/2014 6:15 AM
704	Towpath primary use is for boaters, please put them top of the list	3/31/2014 6:12 AM
705	The need for boaters to have sufficient space when using ropes	3/31/2014 5:47 AM
706	I am still banging on about cyclists. They need more education and probably a blanket speed limit when on the towpath. Dog owners also need more education about cleaning up after their dogs.	3/31/2014 5:39 AM
707	Cleaning up after their dogs.	3/31/2014 5:26 AM
708	As a walker I dislike inconsiderate cyclists who seem to be in a mental zone that does not regard pedestrians as fellow human beings	3/31/2014 5:09 AM

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709	Make it very clear that locks and their approaches are for the use of boaters.	3/31/2014 5:00 AM
710	I live here. Take your litter and dog s@&t home.	3/31/2014 4:49 AM
711	There should be an awareness and confidence that the inconsiderate and downright dangerous will be called to account for their actions.	3/31/2014 4:48 AM
712	Mooring lines need to be clearly visible to prevent trip hazard	3/31/2014 4:40 AM
713	If a boater is actively pulling ropes / mooring a boat, cyclists and walkers should give them priority.	3/31/2014 4:37 AM
714	There is an emphasis that the faster users need to be aware of (and give way to) the slower users. I think that there needs to be a reminder to the slower users that there are faster users on the towpath and that erratic walking, loose dogs, abrupt changes of direction, inconsistent direction (left side vs right side), and large groups create courtesy and safety issues.	3/31/2014 4:02 AM
715	1. Cyclists go 3 or 4 times as fast as walkers, and they are silent. Take care when approaching from behind; and take special care at blind bridge-holes. 2. When I'm working a boat through a flight of locks, my main attention is on the boat, so I sometimes don't see danger approaching. (Particularly unpleasant memories of cyclists racing down by the top locks of the Farmer's Bridge Flight in Birmingham, taking advantage of good surface + steep slope.)	3/31/2014 3:48 AM
716	Yes. Not dump rubbish or leave dog poo. Not dump things into locks or the waterway.	3/31/2014 3:48 AM
717	more dog bins	3/31/2014 3:45 AM
718	Dog owners and cyclists, in particular the packs of mountain bikers, need to consider that children live and play daily along the towpath.	3/31/2014 3:44 AM
719	People should be aware of the dangers of sitting around locks and lock moorings.	3/31/2014 3:42 AM
720	Difficult to say as when I walk the towpath I'm usually the only one using it! If there are problems with behaviour then I suggest a Towpath Warden regularly patrols that particular towpath to encourage harmonious sharing.	3/31/2014 3:37 AM
721	Fast cycling is dangerous for pedestrians and other cyclists.	3/31/2014 3:27 AM
722	No.	3/31/2014 3:26 AM
723	When walking I would appreciate cycles not to expect me to JUMP out of their way.	3/31/2014 3:25 AM
724	Yes. I live on my boat. It 's marvellous, except for the intrusive behaviour of many visitors. I am expected to tolerate people taking photographs without permission, peering through my windows, even sitting on my boat. Unleashed dogs run onto my boat. An incredible lack of care. And rarely an apology. Take towpaths - which are by their nature narrow - off the list of suitable places for large walking groups. And stop camera clubs sending their students to photograph boaters. Sharing would be great. In my experience it's very one sided, and the compromise is all ours.	3/31/2014 3:20 AM
725	4mph is the maximum speed for boats.....	3/31/2014 3:13 AM
726	That my boat licence payment goes towards providing this public asset and gives me as much right to utilise it as anyone. Boaters live at the pace for which this infrastructure was set up. Speeders please jog on!!	3/31/2014 3:11 AM
727	see note 3. In my opinion this is a major problem.	3/31/2014 3:11 AM
728	To stay well clear of boat handling, and when and where to expect boat handling to be occurring ie locks and mooring places	3/31/2014 2:55 AM
729	Yes that boats can be dangerous and to keep away from moored boats and people mooring boats unless asked to help.	3/31/2014 2:54 AM
730	Cyclists be aware that people with mobility impairments and children may be on the towpath and act accordingly to reduce risk of injury to both	3/31/2014 2:54 AM
731	Mooring ropes can trip you up. Look out for them. Fishing poles are long. Cycle slowly to avoid damage.	3/31/2014 2:38 AM
732	Remember that the towpath is shared by both walkers & cyclists.	3/31/2014 2:36 AM
733	Walkers should understand that using a bell is not a threat for them to get out of the way but a courteous request for them to be aware you are there. I have heard many walkers complain that they don't like having a bell rung at them. If it is clear that this is the recognised means to let people know you are there then they may become more accepting of it.	3/31/2014 2:30 AM
734	That it isn't like other footpaths, so there are different rules/conventions for its use.	3/31/2014 2:30 AM

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735	As stated before Consideration for others.	3/31/2014 2:25 AM
736	Boaters need space when concentrating on mooring a boat, or pulling into a lock/bridge landing. People must be aware of this need.	3/31/2014 2:22 AM
737	The only easy answer if to make it much less attractive for cyclists, motor cyclists etc to use the tow path. And that requires infrastructure blockages at regular intervals	3/31/2014 2:20 AM
738	Boaters should have priority when on the towpath eg mooring up. Cyclists speeding cause a lot of dust and should not speed past moored boats.	3/31/2014 2:17 AM
739	Dog walking - pick up dog excrement and put it in the appropriate bin.	3/31/2014 2:15 AM
740	Please do not forget boat crews who may be accessing the towpath from a boat.	3/31/2014 2:12 AM
741	Give boaters space and privacy	3/31/2014 2:06 AM
742	Cyclists and some pedestrians are fairly ignorant of the need of boaters to have space to moor a boat and the need for us to jump off our boats with ropes. Dog walkers seem oblivious to the need to stop their dogs fouling the towpath particularly on the mooring side. Anglers often obstruct the towpath with their rods and can be unforgiving if asked to move	3/31/2014 2:04 AM
743	Dog walkers picking up their dog poo. Jumping off a boat, landing and slipping on dog poo is very dangerous as all boaters will agree.	3/31/2014 1:59 AM
744	Remind people that some! so called boaters leave their stuff littering the bank-side, that cyclists can travel at excessive speeds and that when approaching a fisherman there could be a trip hazard and an upset fisherman.	3/31/2014 1:59 AM
745	1. as above: cyclists purchase a bell 2. Anglers: don't fish in winding holes and expect not to be disturbed by a turning NB	3/31/2014 1:59 AM
746	It would be nice of people know how to behave near boats - don't just jump on, mind the ropes/pins, don't stare in like it's a car in the showroom!!	3/31/2014 1:56 AM
747	Clear up after dogs and deposit in bin not in bushes	3/31/2014 1:53 AM
748	Anglers should be discouraged from leaving fishing poles and ancillary equipment across the towpath.	3/31/2014 1:47 AM
749	How do you get through to those that use the towpath as a high speed cycle route??	3/31/2014 1:44 AM
750	Consideration for other users	3/31/2014 1:44 AM
751	Non boaters will be unaware of the potential problems that boaters can encounter, for example the space requires by crew to handle a 20 ton boat in a wind while trying to moor	3/31/2014 1:43 AM
752	Get the cyclists to slow down - or not use the towpath	3/31/2014 1:42 AM
753	Make cyclist aware that deaf people cannot hear them approaching	3/31/2014 1:31 AM
754	The slow pace expected	3/31/2014 1:30 AM
755	Keeping dogs on leads and ensuring their children are aware of other users	3/31/2014 1:14 AM
756	Cyclists should not be reckless when anglers are on the banks. Anglers need time to move their tackle as necessary to let anglers pass. Anglers should have priority over cyclists as they pay to use the canal.	3/31/2014 12:24 AM
757	Be more aware that boats cannot stop like road vehicles	3/30/2014 1:57 PM
758	Signs of information erected on how to conduct in the proper use of our waterways and paths at various access points along towpaths	3/30/2014 9:00 AM
759	To just be curious	3/30/2014 6:53 AM
760	When angling cyclists should be made aware to slow down when passing as to avoid any damaging of kit or accidents	3/30/2014 5:08 AM
761	Signs marking areas where for example regular fishing spot and slowing down cyclist, wider paths with cycle side. Use both sides of canals where possible for different activities.	3/30/2014 3:10 AM
762	A speeding bike can kill , if the C & R T do nothing and a walker is killed they will be responsible.	3/30/2014 2:56 AM
763	Moored craft often use space on towpath. Dogs should always be on a lead	3/29/2014 3:26 PM
764	Give way to boaters rope handling and mooring. Cyclists should dismount past moored boats.	3/29/2014 12:46 PM

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765	To understand that sometimes anglers need a few moments to move their gear from across the tow path and to just wait not jump or climb over expensive tackle.....	3/29/2014 11:18 AM
766	be aware that i am a senior citizen and i cannot get out of the way quickly	3/29/2014 5:03 AM
767	Young children's are often as not as aware of other users and their movements can be unpredictable, particularly when they are jumping in and out of puddles ... so cyclists and others should exercise even greater care when passing young children.	3/29/2014 2:14 AM
768	Dog poo bins please also fines for not picking up said dog poo	3/28/2014 3:35 PM
769	'Cycling to work' cyclists have to realise that they are not on a main road, they are riding on a footpath	3/28/2014 2:22 PM
770	If more disabled persons, especially the deaf, use the towpath cyclists need to be more aware of the dangers of approaching them from behind.	3/28/2014 1:33 PM
771	Dogs should be on a lead all times, cyclists to slow down.	3/28/2014 1:24 PM
772	People still allow dog fouling which affects everyone more bins would encourage the clear up	3/28/2014 12:38 PM
773	2 mile an hour speed limit for all towpath users i.e walking speed only	3/28/2014 12:07 PM
774	Joggers (usually) using MP3 players who cannot hear the bell of an approaching cyclist.	3/28/2014 11:58 AM
775	more litter collection round boating areas to keep them smart and friendly looking	3/28/2014 11:50 AM
776	No. Working well in my area. Everyone is polite and considerate. North west Hants - K&A	3/28/2014 10:16 AM
777	Just make them aware that fisherman r about using poles having kikand tackle all alone the sideand make cyclists slowdown and make dog walks pick up there poo it's not nice	3/28/2014 10:12 AM
778	I would emphasise cost of equipment would they be happy having someone break something they had worked hard for.	3/28/2014 9:59 AM
779	no	3/28/2014 9:47 AM
780	Slow down the cyclists for one. They really are a major issue on the Calder and Hebble navigation around Brighouse.	3/28/2014 8:27 AM
781	Keep dogs on a tight lead and ban cyclists	3/28/2014 8:04 AM
782	Small rods for anglers! Dog mess clearance	3/28/2014 7:46 AM
783	To think and consider nearby residents.	3/28/2014 6:42 AM
784	Ban cyclist Strava-time chasing along towpaths; and other aggressive or inconsiderate speeding. Discourage littering, especially of sharps, using various methods, including more litter bins.	3/28/2014 6:40 AM
785	Adequate signage	3/28/2014 6:32 AM
786	This box isn't big enough! Many activities are incompatible; golf & horse riding on the same fields. Encouraging incompatible activities is a nonsense.	3/28/2014 6:15 AM
787	Understanding the importance of not obstructing lock landings, lock sides and the danger of getting in the way of operation. Should boats being towed arrive at lock landings they need 'strapping' on lock stumps to bring them to a safe stop. This is impossible and can be dangerous if public are fishing walking and the stumps are not clear.	3/28/2014 4:45 AM
788	Alerting other users when approaching from behind on narrow paths or areas where overgrown and little room for cyclists and walkers to pass at the same time.	3/28/2014 4:45 AM
789	Equipment is expensive	3/28/2014 4:39 AM
790	sped limits should be strictly inforced	3/28/2014 4:04 AM
791	Cyclists need to be aware that the towpath is for everybodys use. Slow down and dismount past pedestrians and anglers. Anglers pay to use the canal, cyclists do not. Angling numbers are falling due to overuse by cyclists and runners.	3/28/2014 2:25 AM
792	No. All cyclists I have seen are sensible. Walkers step aside if the path is narrow. Dog walkers need to take poop home.	3/28/2014 12:44 AM
793	Warnings of dangers	3/27/2014 11:19 AM
794	More bins for dog waste.	3/27/2014 10:48 AM
795	do cyclists know they need a permit to cycle on some sections of towpath and how is this going to be enforced	3/27/2014 8:14 AM

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796	A clear published guideline for cyclists and walkers. Especially large groups or sponsored events.	3/27/2014 4:28 AM
797	Not wear headphones and to always be aware of other users, in front and behind. Dogs to be kept under control. Anglers to respect the path and not clutter with equipment. Cyclists to ride at an appropriate speed to the conditions and presence of other users.	3/27/2014 3:35 AM
798	keeping to one side as walking along. Watching long leads on dogs! Responding to bells ringing on bikes	3/26/2014 1:44 PM
799	Angling & cycling do not mix too well. Around designated angling areas rougher surfacing will slow speeding cycles.	3/26/2014 4:04 AM
800	Only to abide by your code	3/25/2014 8:30 AM
801	Those who wish to speed trial their bikes go to a velodrome. Those who wish to run flat out go to a leisure centre or a track. I jog to develop endurance and stamina, to get my heart pumping. I do so around daybreak so that my activity does not inconvenience others.	3/25/2014 6:41 AM
802	casting and bivvies erected by fishermen can be particularly troublesome	3/25/2014 6:27 AM
803	People are generally okay as they have escaped the rat-runs of cycling on the roads	3/24/2014 5:08 PM
804	Speed, litter and dog fouling.	3/24/2014 4:09 PM
805	People live on boats and should be respected. Cyclists should be made to have bells for warning that they are coming up behind walkers	3/24/2014 3:43 PM
806	Cyclists need to understand that they don't own the towpath	3/24/2014 2:52 PM
807	All need to be more considerate to users from other groups mentioned	3/24/2014 10:39 AM
808	Leisure zone not a race track	3/24/2014 10:07 AM
809	cyclists to slow down	3/24/2014 7:15 AM
810	Dogs on leads at all times. Dog owners should respect that some boats are private homes, and ALL are private. The "I love my dog, so you should too" attitude of most dog owners is all too common.	3/24/2014 5:09 AM
811	Boats are people's homes.	3/24/2014 4:38 AM
812	The risk that boaters may step ashore suddenly with a rope and need to act quickly to control a boat.	3/24/2014 3:25 AM
813	cyclists should slow down where boats moor up	3/24/2014 3:23 AM
814	Restricted access in urban areas. Good secure boundaries.	3/24/2014 1:25 AM
815	Limit cycling speeds	3/23/2014 11:59 PM
816	As afore mentioned, that pedestrians have priority over cyclists.	3/23/2014 5:03 PM
817	Yes - visitors should be made aware of the fact that boaters live and work and sleep on their boats - encouraging visitors to respect the towpath like it was their own front doorstep would encourage safer and more harmonious sharing	3/23/2014 4:43 PM
818	The cyclists could pick us up after running us down!! not a joke this has happened to me	3/23/2014 4:11 PM
819	There should be much more control over cyclists, especially the "lycra louts"!	3/23/2014 2:47 PM
820	When boating, ropes/hoses/pumpouts/etc on the towpath can be hazardous, but that tends to only be around marinas etc.	3/23/2014 8:02 AM
821	No large groups of people, no one has manners to allow others to pass. Respect for others keep dogs under control and clear up any of their mess	3/22/2014 4:50 AM
822	Anglers making sure their equipment is not blocking the path and likewise all other users respecting the anglers need for peace and quiet.	3/22/2014 3:55 AM
823	(1) discourage cyclists from speeding (2) discourage pedestrians from leaving dog poo bags or rubbish (3) encourage anglers to abide by the terms of their licence	3/21/2014 3:55 PM
824	Speed limit signs for cyclists. Warning signs for users along busy shared stretches and hubs. Increase the number of waste/dog waste bins. Encourage responsible dog walking and waste disposal.	3/21/2014 12:26 PM
825	For cyclists to realise they must ring their bells on narrow parts of towpaths and that pedestrians have priority	3/21/2014 10:26 AM

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826	As above, that everyone should know that towpaths are for navigational use and mooring and other uses are secondary	3/21/2014 9:51 AM
827	dog owners clearing up after their dogs and on a lead at all times	3/20/2014 5:30 PM
828	No.	3/20/2014 12:40 PM
829	some people do not respect wildlife e.g. they think acceptable to let dogs chase. Also if they can see that we are being very quiet in order to watch & photograph wildlife, would appreciate appreciate	3/20/2014 10:17 AM
830	Anglers rods are vulnerable to cycles if across the path....it has never been a practical issue for me though...	3/20/2014 12:26 AM
831	Most cyclists AREN'T trying to run you down! We rang our bell, we said hello, but you were having a nice chat so you didn't hear and by then we were quite close and you jumped out of the way and said 'why don't you have a bell?'	3/19/2014 3:13 PM
832	I cycle for leisure and find pedestrians to be almost oblivious to anyone else using the path. They are very unpredictable in how they react to cyclists.	3/19/2014 2:36 PM
833	awareness of pinch points, blind spots under bridges	3/19/2014 2:11 PM
834	Agreed means for cyclists to make their presence known with courtesy - bearing in mind that older walkers may be deaf and not aware of bell signals.	3/19/2014 11:42 AM
835	Minding moored boats	3/19/2014 10:47 AM
836	To just be aware that canals are a shared space and to respect other people and what they are doing.	3/19/2014 10:08 AM
837	People need to be aware that learner canoeists may lose balance easily and so loose dogs running at them can be off putting.	3/19/2014 10:04 AM
838	n/a	3/19/2014 8:55 AM
839	You can't hear bikes coming up from behind.	3/19/2014 8:40 AM
840	Recognise that towpaths ARE a route and not just a recreational space, so visitors must recognise this and not expect all users to be slow (just considerate).	3/19/2014 3:55 AM
841	Sorry to harp on but the only and main problem are speeding cyclists	3/19/2014 3:29 AM
842	Boaters should be discouraged from extending their sitting room onto the towpath. Their dogs should be kept on a lead.	3/19/2014 3:20 AM
843	Horses are flight and fright animals, that may at times be affected by fast movements, bright colours and buggies and back packs. Their nature should be understood before sharing a path with them.	3/19/2014 1:48 AM
844	Whilst I appreciate that pedestrians do have priority they should still be asked to slow other users to pass	3/18/2014 1:22 PM
845	common sense use of speed on blind bends and bridges. not to block towpath with angling kit.	3/18/2014 12:17 PM
846	None	3/18/2014 10:03 AM
847	That cyclists use the canal and to have more spacial awareness.	3/18/2014 9:46 AM
848	That cyclists aren't out of control, anarchic idiots and don't want to kill you!	3/18/2014 9:35 AM
849	It would be helpful if some pedestrians realised that a bike bell can be saying "hello, just making you aware of my presence, I'll be coming past shortly" rather than saying "get out of the way"	3/18/2014 9:21 AM
850	See previous comments about raising awareness re majority of people cycling are responsible.	3/18/2014 8:35 AM
851	Dog poo! Pick it up! More bins!	3/18/2014 7:23 AM
852	No but people that walk their dogs should be made to have them on a lead at all times. No just because they fight/ jump up on people etc but because they chase the local ducks/swans etc	3/18/2014 7:09 AM
853	cyclists - slow down Walkers - watch out for cyclists Boat owners - watch out for both and don't obstruct towpath outside your houseboat	3/18/2014 2:58 AM
854	Anglers should be more conscious of the risks to pedestrians and cyclists caused by leaving their equipment across the towpath.	3/17/2014 4:55 PM
855	the littering is a problem so need to see more bins and certainly doggy poo bins	3/17/2014 2:08 PM

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856	cyclists should not assume right of way over people on foot. I slow down or get off and walk if people are about.	3/17/2014 12:30 PM
857	Give other people space.	3/17/2014 11:32 AM
858	Education and understanding of others needs	3/17/2014 11:26 AM
859	Dog walkers should be more strictly monitored when leaving dog excrement.	3/17/2014 10:43 AM
860	Pedestrians don't have to jump right off the path to let a cyclist pass!	3/17/2014 10:34 AM
861	to educate other users that angling is a sedentary sport and those participating in it normally can't react as quietly as other users would wish them to.	3/17/2014 10:00 AM
862	The only issue I have is that when walking for leisure I may be listening to music so I don't always hear a fast cyclist approaching. If cyclists had bells it would help, but also educate faster cyclists that people aren't always going to just jump out of their way for a variety of reasons.	3/17/2014 4:25 AM
863	(as implied in my answer to an earlier question) discourage cycling as a fast method of getting from A to B, and limit angling to those locations where it can be done without inconveniencing other users of the towpath.	3/17/2014 3:53 AM
864	Issues with anglers they can get territorial but are generally OK if you ignore them. Problems with kids and graffiti and using the place to smoke. Geese can be a problem if they are hogging the towpath. Generally towpaths are not that wide so issues with cyclists and people using mobility scooters and people pushing prams can be a problem.	3/17/2014 1:36 AM
865	Cyclist should have and use bells. Dog walkers should clear up. Anglers should clear up.	3/16/2014 3:24 PM
866	Respect for all users	3/16/2014 1:36 PM
867	Slow down! It's about relaxing and enjoying the place not racing to get somewhere.	3/16/2014 11:02 AM
868	Cyclists should be persuaded that they are not gods and they don't have domain over boaters. When you are mooring a boat you don't really want some idiot on a bike shouting to get out of the way.	3/16/2014 9:26 AM
869	don't let your dog shit on the towpath. ride bikes at a sensible speed.	3/15/2014 2:18 PM
870	Do you really need to ask this question? Surely common sense (regrettably rather rare under BW's stewardship) should say that a limited resource needs users to make full allowance for other users.	3/15/2014 12:59 PM
871	no one group of users 'owns' or has an overriding right to use of the towpaths	3/15/2014 12:10 PM
872	Anglers should not block path with rods and equipment	3/15/2014 11:39 AM
873	none	3/15/2014 11:37 AM
874	adequate paved width	3/15/2014 11:04 AM
875	anglers should be prohibited from blocking footpaths with their fishing rods	3/15/2014 10:08 AM
876	Need some space to tie up a boat (or hold a boat, when waiting at a lock, or setting off to enter a lock). When cycling, I take up least lateral space when I'm ON the bicycle rather than standing to one side, wheeling it along.	3/15/2014 9:24 AM
877	Strict cycle speed limit that is enforced.	3/15/2014 6:57 AM
878	Just mutual respect. I lead a responsible cycling Club which follows your guidelines by travelling at a respectable speed and warning other users politely	3/15/2014 5:18 AM
879	possibly mote pedestrian awareness of cycles and their right to be there (ie be prepared to pull in their endless extending dog leads to let cycles past etc)	3/15/2014 5:02 AM
880	Not all cyclists believe that bells are heard by other users. I prefer to call out politely and, if necessary, ask permission to pass. Walkers should not hog towpaths chatting in groups but should defer to wider areas/ verges. Boaters and anglers generally are not a problem.	3/15/2014 4:54 AM
881	In a word 'courtesy' is the simple key to harmonious towpath use.	3/15/2014 4:30 AM
882	That people enjoy walking along the towpath without having to keep jumping out of the way of cyclists.	3/15/2014 3:57 AM
883	Not blocking the walk way. Dogs on leads at all times. Cyclers need to slow down, or dismount when many people about. Plenty of dog bins and rubbish bins. Areas for people to picnic safely.	3/14/2014 5:19 PM

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884	As I've said throughout, cyclists always should give way to pedestrians, dogs kept on leads and cleared up behind. Fishermen should always keep well away from lock/bridge landings.	3/14/2014 4:31 PM
885	Yobs who throw stones	3/14/2014 3:57 PM
886	Cyclists must be made aware it is not a racetrack	3/14/2014 3:30 PM
887	Please see my response to Q5	3/14/2014 3:17 PM
888	The need for boaters to take up space on the towpath when mooring up, when waiting for locks and when working locks.	3/14/2014 2:49 PM
889	cyclists should be made aware that they should slow down and/or dismount when passing pedestrians or boaters using the towpath	3/14/2014 2:16 PM
890	the danger of mooring ropes	3/14/2014 1:23 PM
891	litter bins dog poo bins	3/14/2014 1:20 PM
892	Cyclists should slow down...	3/14/2014 1:12 PM
893	Just to be nice and tolerant of other users of the towpaths, and be respectful.	3/14/2014 12:48 PM
894	For people using towpaths at night to be considerate of moored boats	3/14/2014 12:46 PM
895	cyclists should be reminded that the road is the place to ride fast, towpaths are for all to use and pedestrians and animals are as vulnerable as cyclists are on roads. When cycling I meet many people who are fed up with aggressive cyclists going too fast. Anglers also need to be reminded that their three visits a year do not entitle them to block the whole footpath and scowl at other users trying to get past, even if they are taking part in a match! Basically, keep reminding people of the importance of sharing a resource that would not be viable if it had only one niche user group and the more users, the better the facilities and upkeep are likely to be.	3/14/2014 11:46 AM
896	Boater priority	3/14/2014 11:23 AM
897	Be sociable to all you meet	3/14/2014 11:00 AM
898	boaters actually boating have priority, signage	3/14/2014 10:27 AM
899	Better education as to why boaters sometimes need unimpeded access and therefore why other users should therefore expect to give way.	3/14/2014 10:23 AM
900	Boats are big and heavy, and someone manoeuvring a boat on a rope cannot move quickly	3/14/2014 10:08 AM
901	Slow the cyclists down Clean up after their animals	3/14/2014 10:02 AM
902	Dogs off leads upset my cat! Cyclists should not expect all other users to always give way to them. Everyone should travel at no more than 3mph.	3/14/2014 10:00 AM
903	That others are using the towpaths especially children. Cyclist should have an enforced speed limit which shouldn't exceed the speed that pedestrians walk at. Anglers should be made aware that cyclist and pedestrians use the towpaths and that when they withdraw their stupidly huge poles from the water they are posing a serious danger to pedestrians and cyclists.	3/14/2014 9:53 AM
904	control bike speed	3/14/2014 9:40 AM
905	That the canals actually are many people's home.	3/14/2014 9:37 AM
906	the needs of boater when for example coming in to moor, or when working a lock. This should take priority, is it can be dangerous getting out of the way of speeding cyclists	3/14/2014 9:35 AM
907	Propey by laws to stop dogs messing on the towpath. A 10mph speed limit for cyclists.	3/14/2014 9:31 AM
908	Poo picking, slowing down, moving rods out of the way	3/14/2014 9:06 AM
909	Share with Care!	3/14/2014 8:27 AM
910	Keep dogs on a SHORT leash at all times.	3/14/2014 6:33 AM
911	Boaters and walkers take precedence over cycling and cyclists..	3/14/2014 5:27 AM
912	More dog waste bins & speeding signs for cyclists	3/14/2014 4:22 AM
913	Boaters and others to be quiet at night as they walk past moored boats.	3/14/2014 4:02 AM
914	Encourage cyclists to have and use a bell	3/14/2014 3:29 AM
915	Any user should be equal (apart from the design-use of canals, which is green transport, which should be 'more equal').	3/14/2014 3:10 AM
916	Get the thorns cleared up	3/14/2014 2:08 AM

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917	When walking for leisure along a towpath I like to be able to move freely from one side of the towpath to the other without having to worry about inconveniencing cyclists. Whilst harmonious sharing might be possible with one or two cyclists any moves which encourage greater numbers of cyclists (such as 'improvements' to the surface) would inevitably detract from my enjoyment as a pedestrian.	3/13/2014 7:25 PM
918	The only problem I really have is cyclists who think they can. Ride at any speed and always have right of way, oh and grumpy fishermen who are not winning the match lol (most are fine and they pay so they are entitled)	3/13/2014 5:09 PM
919	Boaters mooring take priority over all other users	3/13/2014 4:34 PM
920	to all be aware of other users	3/13/2014 3:15 PM
921	Dogs on leads. Clear up dog waste.	3/13/2014 2:41 PM
922	A little thought goes a long way towards safe & enjoyable tow path use.	3/13/2014 1:51 PM
923	Explain to anglers not to light fires, pitch tents, obstruct the towpath with equipment and leave rubbish	3/13/2014 1:50 PM
924	Dogs main problem... No dog owners the main problem	3/13/2014 1:38 PM
925	My activities involve those that a person who lives on a boat would partake in. I am appalled at the amount of litter anglers leave behind, and the amount of dog mess that "townie" dog walkers leave behind and blame boaters for. The towpath should be a pleasant place for everyone to enjoy, humans and wildlife alike!! Also I would like to see penalties imposed on those who like to race quads and motorbikes along the towpaths. Not only is it dangerous and inconsiderate it also leaves them in an appalling state after any rainfall	3/13/2014 12:53 PM
926	Clean up after their dogs and stop littering.	3/13/2014 12:52 PM
927	Possibly dogs on leads would be nice, and cleaning up their poop even better	3/13/2014 12:45 PM
928	No. As I said previously, the troublemakers are in a minority - most people share perfectly well. Don't restrict the co-operators for the sake of a few bad apples.	3/13/2014 12:21 PM
929	Fishermen should be aware when they block towpath with their rods/poles, and not to cause an obstruction.	3/13/2014 11:51 AM
930	People should ALWAYS keep their dogs on leads	3/13/2014 10:38 AM
931	cyclists - keep left	3/13/2014 10:12 AM
932	Danger of speed and noise around people and wildlife.	3/13/2014 9:40 AM
933	Dog mess	3/13/2014 9:23 AM
934	As both a cyclist and a walker I have found that some walkers believe that cyclists are not allowed to use towpaths and this has potential for unnecessary hostility	3/13/2014 9:10 AM
935	The needs of others	3/13/2014 9:01 AM
936	That trading boats require room alongside them to be able to trade, especially when we are delivering coal on a sack barrow to customers, we have to take the safest path bearing in mind we can have up to 10 25kg bags of coal on a barrow, which are not easy to handle off the main pathway, we need to have priority at these occasions.	3/13/2014 8:56 AM
937	Towpath rules are just about thinking of others. Being considerate to other people and thinking, how would I like to be treated by other people.	3/13/2014 8:48 AM
938	Yes Share and respect other users, possibly charge cyclists as well, a licence of sorts if not already paying for a boat licence.	3/13/2014 8:37 AM
939	Point out that Cyclists are allowed to ride on the towpath	3/13/2014 8:00 AM
940	Dogs need to be under close control around cyclists. Cyclists need to slow down when approaching other users and be prepared to stop.	3/13/2014 7:56 AM
941	Boats are heavy to handle and sometimes need to be pulled into the side (especially if the sides are shallow.) Other visitors should be made aware that sometimes boaters with ropes need a considerable amount of space to achieve this.	3/13/2014 7:38 AM
942	That canals are primarily for navigation by boats. Enforced speed limit for cyclists.	3/13/2014 7:08 AM
943	The biggest issues are dog poo, cyclist going too quickly and anglers littering. I live next to the canal and see this regularly	3/13/2014 7:07 AM
944	Improve awareness that the canals are for everyone (and funded by everyone), not just boaters.	3/13/2014 7:06 AM

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945	Keep loud music away from the towpath	3/13/2014 7:03 AM
946	slow down	3/13/2014 7:00 AM
947	Don't cycle like a lunatic and expect people to jump out of your way!	3/13/2014 6:49 AM
948	Explain that mooring a boat can be dangerous for both the boater and the other users who may not see ropes being held, and due consideration should be given to this.	3/13/2014 6:43 AM
949	That mooring a boat (esp single-handed) requires quick access and movements along the path adjacent to the boat. Others should stay clear whilst the operation is underway.	3/13/2014 6:40 AM
950	Awareness of boats mooring. Cyclists in particular expect you to move out of their way even while you are manhandling boat and rope in the process of mooring mainly from ignorance about what is involved but also because they see the towpath as a cycle super highway and their speeds can be unacceptable and dangerous.	3/13/2014 6:25 AM
951	Angler's need to realise that boaters pay more for their boat licence than they do to drown maggots.	3/13/2014 6:23 AM
952	Tying up! When I need to jump off the boat with a line in my hand or throw a line over a bollard I have had anglers refusing to move from by bollards at locklandings, people sitting on them, people sitting exactly where I need to jump off. Also, when hauling a boat in, I sometimes need to pull the line across the towpath to get a good grip. Imagine the abuse I have had by cyclists (mainly) for blocking the path!	3/13/2014 6:15 AM
953	Anglers taking their rubbish home, and perhaps having designated places they can only fish in.	3/13/2014 6:07 AM
954	Slow cyclists anglers rods across towpath fishing from moorings	3/13/2014 5:59 AM
955	Priority given to boaters mooring up	3/13/2014 5:15 AM
956	Leave your bike at home	3/13/2014 4:48 AM
957	SPEED	3/13/2014 4:39 AM
958	Dog fouling is a problem and very large groups of walkers don't always share the path	3/13/2014 2:56 AM
959	Don't panic around cyclists. We do slow down and take care, we don't need huge space, just chill, we see you, we slow, we manoeuvre.	3/12/2014 3:47 PM
960	Ensure all horse and dog shit is removed	3/12/2014 3:19 PM
961	Sadly no.	3/12/2014 1:16 PM
962	residents living on towpath	3/12/2014 10:09 AM
963	Signs to nearest public convenience, and any refreshments on the towpath.	3/12/2014 10:09 AM
964	See previous comment about time/space needed to moor a boat.	3/12/2014 9:39 AM
965	Cyclists give way to pedestrians.	3/12/2014 9:18 AM
966	No	3/12/2014 4:13 AM
967	No I don't think so.	3/12/2014 4:13 AM
968	I think boaters should be banned from using chain saws on towpaths unless they have undertaken industry level training, are suitably equipped and show the same level of awareness and courtesy as the professional maintenance staff using power tools.	3/11/2014 6:06 PM
969	More slow down signs or ring your bell signs for cyclists	3/11/2014 12:47 PM
970	Bikes to slow down	3/11/2014 12:08 PM
971	please see previous comments on dogs and general awareness	3/11/2014 11:20 AM
972	As a walker don't interfere with other users, unless you think they are misusing the towpath and be prepared to give way at all times to those who are faster than I am.	3/11/2014 9:31 AM
973	Pedestrians need to be made aware that cyclists are being encouraged to use the towpath as much as them	3/11/2014 6:00 AM
974	you can't change narrow minds	3/11/2014 5:29 AM
975	encourage people to get involved in their maintenance as volunteers - increases ownership and feelings of pride and respect	3/11/2014 5:26 AM
976	Always manage dogs appropriately	3/11/2014 5:12 AM
977	no	3/10/2014 3:44 PM

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978	Simply respect for other users and activities.	3/10/2014 2:38 PM
979	Runners are often trying to maintain a constant pace. It should be an appropriate pace of course. ...	3/10/2014 1:18 PM
980	As above - that the towpath is part of a working navigation and boats manouvering and mooring have priority. I am fed up of speeding cyclists complaining about ropes on the towpath.	3/10/2014 10:33 AM
981	cyclist should slow down and have bells	3/10/2014 9:47 AM
982	Locks are dangerous.	3/10/2014 7:52 AM
983	Cyclists need educating in towpath safety and manners.	3/10/2014 7:19 AM
984	People should be more aware of boaters and the space they need to be able to use locks safely and when they are trying to moor up etc.	3/10/2014 7:06 AM
985	Not all dogs like to be rushed at by children.	3/10/2014 6:54 AM
986	I always feel guilty sailing past anglers! When I was new to boating I was unaware that anglers like you to sail down the middle of the canal. After being grumbled at by one very angry fisherman near Wolverhampton, I got the message!	3/10/2014 6:37 AM
987	Fishermen should be instructed not to block tow paths with their rods and tents	3/10/2014 6:18 AM
988	Encourage Anglers to be aware of their surroundings when casting off. Also encourage Anglers to not spread all their stuff out, this will ensure people safely pass them.	3/10/2014 6:14 AM
989	Highlight to walkers (of which I am also one) that us cyclists are allowed to be there too	3/10/2014 6:11 AM
990	Cyclists simply don't understand that boaters are in a different, slower, world	3/10/2014 5:26 AM
991	Cyclist must be made to slow down	3/10/2014 4:59 AM
992	No	3/10/2014 4:57 AM
993	Dogs on short leads only. Clean up after them. Don't leave thorns on the path, causes punctures and I am sure dogs don't like being stabbed by them either. Walker to get out of the way of cyclists, not deliberately block them. If it shared then it applies to walkers as much as cyclists.	3/10/2014 4:55 AM
994	Walkers , joggers and cyclists wearing headphones. They cannot here a warning bell from other cyclists when approached from behind.	3/10/2014 4:11 AM
995	If you are dealing with a heavy boat its other users that must wait, or not obstruct landings and lock access.	3/10/2014 4:07 AM
996	Fishermen with perch poles that extend both across the waterway and across the towpath cause problems for boats and particularly for cyclists & walkers as they can be reluctant to move the poles	3/10/2014 3:57 AM
997	Put water points closer to the bank then hosepipes wont be a hazzard	3/9/2014 3:48 PM
998	Respect of environment. Respect that other people are in the same vicinity. Anglers should not set up on moorings. plenty room but not on moorings or near water taps.	3/9/2014 1:05 PM
999	Boaters need priority when landing or mooring and pets and children can often appear from a boat without warning.	3/9/2014 1:01 PM
1000	Other users should be made aware that boaters have priority, especially cyclists.	3/9/2014 11:41 AM
1001	A 17 ton boat can not be controlled like a car - it cannot stop immediately, is affected by the wind and the depth of water and pivots around its centre. And it is heavy.	3/9/2014 11:03 AM
1002	Cyclists should dismount and walk past walkers	3/9/2014 10:25 AM
1003	cyclists SLOW DOWN	3/9/2014 9:26 AM
1004	all cyclists must be made aware that boating is the priority use for canal and river towpaths.	3/9/2014 8:56 AM
1005	Locks are dangerous as is the surrounding power of the water when in operation. The balance beams are not for stupid people to do tricks on.	3/9/2014 7:16 AM
1006	Cyclists to indicate a warning when approaching walkers and runners from behind. At present they tend to rush past, not giving you a chance to move out of the way.	3/8/2014 1:26 PM
1007	That boats are people's homes and children and animals inhabit them	3/8/2014 1:07 PM
1008	Cyclists should be aware that there are people getting on and off the boats and not to bomb past them without thinking. I have been clipped by a cyclist just getting off the boat	3/8/2014 12:41 PM

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1009	Anglers not to position themselves on or close to lock moorings.	3/8/2014 12:37 PM
1010	Go slow past moored boats (runners and cyclists). Many boat owners have cats and dogs on board that can be unpredictable in their movements, or children or elderly people (or around the towpath).	3/8/2014 11:53 AM
1011	Less mooring restriction its nice to meet people but because of the short stays you dont see them again	3/8/2014 8:38 AM
1012	Dogs about therefore cyclists need to slow down or go on the road.	3/8/2014 7:48 AM
1013	See comments above re signage etc	3/8/2014 2:05 AM
1014	Greater awareness of space sharing - when walking with small children especially - they can't always move out of the way of large groups of walkers or cyclists	3/7/2014 2:10 PM
1015	Consideration and thoughtfulness to other types of user	3/7/2014 1:36 PM
1016	Only use of cycle bells and encouraging dog walkers to keep their dogs close to them or on short lead	3/7/2014 11:52 AM
1017	Anglers sometimes let their tackle encroach on the towpath. Some cyclists fail to show proper consideration to walkers.	3/7/2014 11:25 AM
1018	Other less considerate dog owners should be forced to clear up after their animals	3/7/2014 9:02 AM
1019	More publicity on not dropping litter and dog muck clearing.	3/7/2014 8:35 AM
1020	Bike riders need to be aware of the issues of trying to ride through bridge holes; and that sounding a bell does not give them priority. Joggers should be discouraged from using headphones!	3/7/2014 6:56 AM
1021	Accept that responsible cycling is permitted, acknowledge polite calls to pass and respond to 'please' and 'thank you'	3/7/2014 5:31 AM
1022	cyclists use bells, walkers/cyclists have volume down when wearing headphones	3/7/2014 4:41 AM
1023	That people may not hear you approaching on foot or cycle	3/7/2014 4:21 AM
1024	tight corners / pinch points. Moving fishing poles / using shorter poles to allow others to pass easily. use bells on bikes.	3/7/2014 12:45 AM
1025	Other users need to be aware of the dangers of ropes, especially in locks.	3/6/2014 2:59 PM
1026	Walkers do not enjoy speeding cyclists or dog poo	3/6/2014 2:50 PM
1027	Be Happy and Polite	3/6/2014 12:15 PM
1028	tow ropes. people sleeping on boats. fishermen. wild life	3/6/2014 11:29 AM
1029	That speeding cyclists are likely to damage their health.	3/6/2014 11:07 AM
1030	My boat is 20 tons, if I'm in the act of mooring I have to have priority. If there is no room for you, you wait.	3/6/2014 10:16 AM
1031	Many boaters like to BBQ on the towpath. Guidelines about the appropriate use of BBQs may be useful	3/6/2014 9:44 AM
1032	Primacy of use of designated mooring places, winding holes, lock landings and bridge approaches for boating use over angling. The need to take dog mess home rather than leaving it on the canal side or hanging in trees in bags	3/6/2014 9:40 AM