

Sharing Towpaths

Q12 What else, if anything, do you think the Canal & River Trust should do to encourage better sharing of towpaths?

Answered: 1,030 Skipped: 1,118

#	Responses	Date
1	publish leaflets of circular walks including tow paths	5/11/2014 6:08 AM
2	Work with walkers, cyclists, anglers and other user groups to develop codes of best practice which reflect each other's circumstances.	5/8/2014 7:25 AM
3	Education (See10)	5/7/2014 1:22 PM
4	Prompt all users about behaviour. Groups of five across completely blocking the towpath is as problematic as some people going too fast.	5/7/2014 5:26 AM
5	Education, publicity, information boards at locks and access points setting out standards of behaviour.	5/3/2014 10:08 AM
6	Boaters and anglers pay considerable amounts of money for their use of these facilities, cyclists, dog walkers, canoeists, pay nothing. There should be a small charge for access to all users, to cover the inconvenience of dog fouling, inconsiderate cyclists riding much too fast, and in some cases with attitude, walkers who litter, and canoeists also with attitude who think they have a right to go on any waterway free of charge and cause mayhem with their rowdy unsociable behavior	5/3/2014 3:21 AM
7	Fines for dog littering and dogs to be on leads	5/3/2014 12:38 AM
8	Cease to discriminate against specific user types, most notably horse riders.	5/2/2014 2:51 PM
9	see previous answer. Put up signs to remind all users of importance of amicable sharing.	5/2/2014 2:47 PM
10	Allow horses more towing paths they provide disabled access and in my experience are popular with other users of the towing path	5/2/2014 1:42 PM
11	Allow horses onto towpaths it will improve safety and slow cyclists down	5/2/2014 11:15 AM
12	The signs put up by Sustrans have been removed that promote the National Cycle Route 84 & 85 (Chirk to Ilangollen) so this reducing information for all users	5/2/2014 10:34 AM
13	The speed of cyclists is the worst problem with towpath sharing	5/2/2014 10:29 AM
14	Maintain them. If they are left to run wild, nobody will keep them up. I know that it is difficult, but unless some pride is shown, they will degenerate by themselves.	5/2/2014 10:04 AM
15	The towing path surface should not be such that enables excessive speed to the danger to other users. Many "improved" towing paths have too smooth a surface - indeed, better than the street outside my front door.	5/2/2014 10:01 AM
16	Penalise boats which heap their belongings on the towpath - dangerous, unsightly. Guidelines: Walkers/joggers - keep left. Single file. No headphones. Cyclists: Bells compulsory. No headphones. Dog walkers: Keep dogs on short leads.	5/2/2014 9:23 AM
17	Introduce measures such as speed ridges to slow cyclists at key locations, such as around locks where the slopes encourage speed, and ramps from road access points.	5/2/2014 9:07 AM
18	All regular users must have copies of Code. Boaters via their licenses, fishermen via their clubs or licenses. Need to widely publicise to cyclists with clear and simple signage at places where cyclists may join towpath. Make it as easy as possible for people to report abuse. Ensure that action is taken when appropriate	5/2/2014 9:06 AM
19	More campaigning aimed at people who may not read waterway magazines or leaflets. More campaigning on a local level, eg with parish councils, local cycling or rambling groups, is required.	5/2/2014 9:03 AM
20	Ask walkers should keep to the left and go in single file when giving way to other walkers and cyclists Insist that all bikes must have bells. Insist that all dogs must be on leads.	5/2/2014 8:11 AM
21	Better education to Cyclists and Anglers who do seem to think they take priority.	5/2/2014 8:08 AM

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22	Monitor them more rigorously. Dog mess is a huge issue also, it is not nice to pick up your rope finding it has been in a pile of dog mess.	5/2/2014 7:42 AM
23	Make it clear the towpath is not to be abused but used wisely for all!	5/2/2014 7:40 AM
24	Provide better detail of the towpath surface.	5/2/2014 7:40 AM
25	Put gates across towpaths where people enter to show that people are entering a different sort of public place from an alleyway, park or street. A litter bin should be at every point of access and should be serviced regularly.	5/2/2014 6:01 AM
26	Find a way of reducing the speed of cyclists. Family cyclists do not, in general, cause a nuisance.	5/2/2014 5:34 AM
27	Clear up graffiti and canal surface litter so that the whole becomes a wonderful walking environment.	5/2/2014 5:13 AM
28	Raise the profile nationally of the Share the space, drop your pace campaign. Prioritise maintenance and upgrade works so the busiest sections are in best condition. Better spaces are easier to share.	5/2/2014 4:25 AM
29	improve surface	5/2/2014 4:20 AM
30	I am happy with towpath behaviour - rubbish and dog excreta disposal points should be supplied and emptied regularly.	5/2/2014 4:11 AM
31	Speed bumps for cyclists. Better lighting along towpaths.	5/2/2014 3:48 AM
32	Physical presence	5/2/2014 3:35 AM
33	Introduce a cycling speed limit and make it compulsory for cyclists to use a bell.	5/2/2014 3:27 AM
34	discourage sporting and sponsored events that take place in often small spaces	5/2/2014 3:02 AM
35	Make towpath users more aware of towpath codes, this could be done by leafleting and volunteers.	5/2/2014 2:31 AM
36	Keep vegetation in check to reduce pinch-points.	5/2/2014 2:24 AM
37	Ban cyclists. They are a menace.	5/2/2014 2:20 AM
38	Slow down cyclists in general and ban them in central London	5/2/2014 2:08 AM
39	Put up Share with Care signs	5/2/2014 1:28 AM
40	Split towpath where possible for cyclists. They are moving a lot faster than walkers & runners and weave in and out of groups. They really need to understand the tranquility of the canal system.	5/2/2014 1:13 AM
41	Where possible well maintained towpaths will encourage use and positive behaviour by all users	5/2/2014 12:46 AM
42	Consultation and engagement events	5/2/2014 12:16 AM
43	Use of CCTV in trouble hot spot areas. Creation, publication & enforcement of a towpath user's guide	5/1/2014 11:52 PM
44	Look at the Tiverton canal and see how they run it as it is owned by the local council	5/1/2014 8:48 PM
45	As above - get lots of articles on SHARED usage in cycle mags, etc, to encourage better behaviour (and, contribution?). Cycle Wardens/ Rangers in areas other than London - acknowledging that inconsiderate usage is also a huge problem on such as the Leeds-Liverpool. Stress to public partners about local community & destination visitor benefits of towpath improvements of just the 'network/ sustainable transport issue: currently, our Council finances towpath improvements on either side of the town, simply to get commuter cyclists OUT of Sowerby Bridge, and home to more-affluent areas up the Valley. It cares nothing for the main canal visitor destination itself - nay, it is positively jealous that the town might receive some benefit over their own preferred places (as witnessed very clearly at meetings I used to attend).	5/1/2014 3:51 PM
46	prosecute motorcyclists.	5/1/2014 3:19 PM
47	More vigorous message to cyclists that pedestrians have priority and they must slow down and work around those on foot. This is a key safety issue which is being neglected at the moment.	5/1/2014 2:43 PM
48	Wider well surfaced paths - evident on the paths near to Worcester from the north	5/1/2014 2:37 PM
49	provide more litter bins and empty regularly	5/1/2014 1:08 PM
50	Commuters are in too much of a hurry, urban joggers are, too. Emphasise the word tow - it isn't just a path.	5/1/2014 12:46 PM
51	More dog waste bins along the footpaths	5/1/2014 11:48 AM

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52	Licensing cyclists; I have to have a license to fish. and this could be used to judge a level of competence	5/1/2014 11:22 AM
53	more signs tell cyclist to use bells	5/1/2014 10:34 AM
54	I walk the towpath at least 2-3 times per week, but rarely see volunteers or staff. Is there some way of increasing presence? At the very least, an information board everywhere there is a car parking space could encourage information sharing.	5/1/2014 9:42 AM
55	Access sponsorship to produce leaflets which can be handed to towpath users Contact other user groups e.g. rambling clubs, cycle clubs, angling clubs to raise awareness. have certain days when groups meet to talk to towpath users about what they are intended for.	5/1/2014 9:38 AM
56	Designated angling areas only where space allows	5/1/2014 9:31 AM
57	Effective design, effective zoning	5/1/2014 9:23 AM
58	Litter bins near road access that the council could clear might reduce littering	5/1/2014 9:19 AM
59	Close a section for a day and force everyone off! This will then give people a taste of how bad the surrounding streets are - polluted, dangerous and lacking any charm...so when they return to the towpath the next day they appreciate their surroundings more and are more respectful of other people.	5/1/2014 9:14 AM
60	Licence cyclists as anglers and boaters are licensed.	5/1/2014 7:52 AM
61	Signage, clear segregating markings (where appropriate and space permits at contentious spots).	5/1/2014 7:48 AM
62	Should by and large leave things as they are	5/1/2014 7:40 AM
63	Signage, impressing shared nature of towpaths. Repeat messages and in different ways.	5/1/2014 7:23 AM
64	Better education and enforcement	5/1/2014 7:17 AM
65	Don't give in to pressures from 'greedy' special interest users be they cyclists, continuous moorers or conservationists, concentrate on 'bread and butter' maintenance and development and don't get sidetracked into outreach, initiatives, art on the canal, poetry on the canal, facilitating, enabling or anything else non-core.	5/1/2014 7:03 AM
66	Ban cyclists	5/1/2014 6:52 AM
67	Encourage dog walkers to dispose of properly - NOT in the canal. Too many trowels with no bags in use!	5/1/2014 6:28 AM
68	Widen paths where possible, improve lighting	5/1/2014 5:59 AM
69	Get rid of cyclists, dogs on leeds, more dog poo bids that are emptied, Get rid of ferie drunk youth	5/1/2014 5:38 AM
70	More publicity regarding incorrect use of towpaths, target the offenders, name & shame.	5/1/2014 5:33 AM
71	Thinking of the old tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' I have often wondered if a new one could be started. Encouraging, especially rural, Parish Councils and Town Councils who have canal and river towpaths in their area to have an annual/biannual 'walk' along their towpaths to celebrate and recognise local 'shared access ownership' of these marvellous assets. Not sure if the CRT has a smartphone app for towpath users but certainly as part of the accessibility mapping for towpaths (assuming in future the routes will be online) there could/should be an online guide to good towpath manners for all users inc boaters.	5/1/2014 5:26 AM
72	See above - encourage/discourage shared use according to location.	5/1/2014 5:04 AM
73	Not support single issue groups who may try to get others banned from using towpaths.	5/1/2014 5:03 AM
74	Education signs of towpath use on information boards.	5/1/2014 5:00 AM
75	Use pictures of young children in their campaigns. Try to break up the straight line image which leads one to think of a thoroughfare. Rather than a place and space in it's own right that can also be used to get from A-B.	5/1/2014 4:45 AM
76	Parking available where possible	5/1/2014 4:38 AM
77	Please do not flood the towpaths with signage. Some signage might be useful, but too much is an eyesore. Please make them small?	5/1/2014 4:29 AM
78	ban cyclists from speeding along	5/1/2014 4:22 AM
79	take action against cyclists and limit the use for fast cycling, rather than leisure cycling	5/1/2014 4:22 AM

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80	Keep cyclists and pedestrians separate	5/1/2014 4:19 AM
81	Restrict anglers to the canal-side of the towpath so they don't impede other users.	5/1/2014 4:03 AM
82	There doesnt seem to ba a serious problem that is preventing mixed use.	5/1/2014 4:00 AM
83	Slow down the cyclists	5/1/2014 3:37 AM
84	more clearly demarcated sections to split cycling and walking, more visibility to see what's around the corner under bridges	5/1/2014 3:20 AM
85	Ban people who do not respect others.	5/1/2014 2:19 AM
86	Discussions also need to be held with Sustrans about their code of conduct. We accept that not all cyclists are Sustrans members but many are. The conflict between high speed and inconsiderate cyclists with other towpath users has reached serious levels and action is urgently required. In some cases the towpaths have become a race track for events or rapid access to work. Like other towpath users, cyclists need to be encouraged to take litter home. We would like to point out that the work that BW's WUSIG (Waterway User & Special Interest Group) drew up guidance for cyclists that addresses most complaints about cyclists.	5/1/2014 1:08 AM
87	Better signage of restrictions, more control of cyclists.	4/30/2014 3:54 PM
88	be out more often stopping speeding cycists	4/30/2014 2:55 PM
89	Having developed a fair and reasonable Code, full enrolment and involvement of the various associations and governing bodies concerned will be critical to making it work and managing the inevitable conflicts, as will a visible policing presence, and well-publicised punitive measures against wilful transgressors.	4/30/2014 2:04 PM
90	keep cycling to a minimum, advise boats to slow down when passing anglers (most do) , some boat owners leave household rubbish on the towpath after mooring(most don't),	4/30/2014 12:41 PM
91	Keep the hedgerows in check, otherwise pedestrians and cyclists are increasingly squeezed together - particularly between Paddington and Willesden Junction.	4/30/2014 12:02 PM
92	Make them wider. Improve the surface.	4/30/2014 11:56 AM
93	Physically designating space, differentiation of surface treatments.	4/30/2014 9:45 AM
94	see question 10.	4/30/2014 7:03 AM
95	Advise bike riders to slow down more. Elderly people both walkers and anglers cannot always react as quickly as younger people	4/30/2014 7:02 AM
96	have more things to slow the visitor down, more mooring points, more information points, more seating, more cafes, more businesses along the canal side	4/30/2014 6:23 AM
97	maybe have a cycle lane down half the path so the other users know not to have things obstructing that part of the path.	4/30/2014 6:16 AM
98	Engage with e.g. Sustrans on how best to incorporate towpaths into the National Cycle Network and/or Sustrans other schemes for 'non-car-based' transport.	4/30/2014 5:51 AM
99	Employ volunteer rangers to encourage uptake and adoption of beneficial behaviours when using the canal	4/30/2014 4:07 AM
100	See earlier, re left/right convention	4/30/2014 2:18 AM
101	stop the boaters who seem to live on board and park their cars at bridges/car parks so deterring walkers and families from using the towpaths	4/30/2014 1:17 AM
102	Raise the status of angling with C&RT particularly regarding policy decisions.	4/30/2014 12:59 AM
103	Actively prevent fast moving vehicles from using the paths.	4/29/2014 11:35 PM
104	Bailiff towpath use, it is unlikely that for example cyclists who use the towpath as a racetrack are unlikely to stop doing so because there's a sign. Anglers need a permit to fish, should permits be required for other users, cyclists will damage the towpath should they be required to buy a towpath license?	4/29/2014 11:28 PM
105	stop taking money from the cycle lobby and do not 'improve' towpaths to cycling needs - cyclists - not clubs generally, but individuals need educating to respect other towpath users. They could also make more information available in visitor centres, on display boards etc so that users are more aware of the bigger picture - why the locks are there, how they work, other features and even just maps	4/29/2014 9:04 PM
106	create points where fast paced cyclists have to slow down and consider others	4/29/2014 4:56 PM

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107	The presence of enforcement officers on the towpaths on cycles or in boats patrolling the waterways...There is not enough visible people on the ground employed by the CRT	4/29/2014 2:18 PM
108	I think the Canal & River Trust do an amazing job keeping Regent's Canal well maintained, thriving and pleasurable to use. I would suggest additional signage about the etiquette of cyclists vs pedestrians and other aspects of good behaviour on the towpath.	4/29/2014 1:53 PM
109	Charge alk users	4/29/2014 1:23 PM
110	Get them listed on cycle and walking maps/websites.	4/29/2014 12:59 PM
111	Remove cyclists give priority to boaters and anglers as they pay to use the canals no one else does ' the customer comes first '	4/29/2014 11:41 AM
112	Take a sensible approach that not all towpaths are suitable for a full mix of users	4/29/2014 9:00 AM
113	Put the speed limit on the tow path	4/29/2014 8:07 AM
114	improve the towpaths themselves. Many are too narrow causing conflict between cyclist and anglers	4/29/2014 6:59 AM
115	Encourage anglers bot to block them with their kit.	4/29/2014 6:47 AM
116	Should be wardens in place to keep more control over those that do not pay into the up keep, walkers, cyclists and dog walkers	4/29/2014 6:46 AM
117	Vandal proof signage with appropriate information for all users	4/29/2014 6:25 AM
118	Make cyclists more aware that there may be anglers on the banks and they should slow down to accommodate their hobby as well after cycling.	4/29/2014 6:12 AM
119	Provide more bins for rubbish and dog bags.	4/29/2014 6:08 AM
120	Provision of extra space where possible to allow all activities to be undertaken without obstruction of the towpath it's self.	4/29/2014 5:46 AM
121	Address the problems I have highlighted in my previous answers. More wardens / officers are needed in some areas of the canal network to ensure that the towpaths are used properly and safely by all towpath users and to enforce any local rules and byelaws. However, this will involve extra financial outlay unless unpaid volunteers can be found to carry out the role.	4/29/2014 5:11 AM
122	Setting up a consultant with cycle groups to develop better path practice.	4/29/2014 4:20 AM
123	Ask boaters to keep tow path clear of rubbish	4/29/2014 4:14 AM
124	Emphasise consideration for ALL user groups.	4/29/2014 4:13 AM
125	Create local maps showing both towpath routes and quiet routes away from the canal network for walking and cycling. Patrols by police and CSOs to discourage anti-social and illegal behaviour.	4/29/2014 3:22 AM
126	Make visitors aware that the canal is the boaters home & should be treated with respect!	4/29/2014 3:11 AM
127	Produce a code of conduct. Like the country code for canal towpath use.	4/29/2014 3:05 AM
128	Already said	4/29/2014 2:38 AM
129	promote and publicise the canals as a walking route	4/29/2014 2:12 AM
130	It is NOT a bike race track.	4/29/2014 2:06 AM
131	I walk and cycle the towpath and I think it is very important to stress to cyclists that they are entering an environment with a slower pace and not an extension of their workout. By all mean on a clear path get up to top speed but just as engine gives way to sail, cyclists MUST give way to walkers. I have witnessed collisions, injuries and heated exchanges due to cyclists determined to keep their speed up when reaching walkers/dogs/ children/ boats. This is particularly important on stretches of the towpath that are also part of the cycle network and commuter routes.	4/29/2014 1:42 AM
132	Could you emphasise the "slow down and enjoy the view" aspect of towpaths?	4/29/2014 1:38 AM
133	Work on keeping them clean and well maintained.	4/29/2014 1:31 AM
134	Get local police/volunteers involved in patrolling said areas at busy times.	4/29/2014 1:28 AM
135	Less speed	4/29/2014 1:26 AM
136	Engage in per pressure	4/29/2014 12:26 AM
137	Education at access points	4/28/2014 3:26 PM

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138	See answer to question 10	4/28/2014 12:34 PM
139	Widening wherever possible and clear lanes designating whether people / bikes should be on the left or the right.	4/28/2014 10:33 AM
140	Please ask people to keep their dogs on leads at all times, not EVERYONE adores their pets!!!	4/28/2014 9:58 AM
141	Keeping vegetation back - especially at bends. Improving the surfaces in more urban areas to improve safety for cycling including increasing the paved width to reduce the risk of conflicts with other users. More signs to encourage vigilance and courtesy by all users especially in areas such as bridges.	4/28/2014 9:35 AM
142	Provide signs indicating priority - ie: walkers have priority over cyclists, etc	4/28/2014 8:59 AM
143	Display more signs reminding cyclers that they should notify other users when they are approaching them.	4/28/2014 6:35 AM
144	Cyclists should dismount to foot traffic	4/28/2014 6:33 AM
145	A towpath code	4/28/2014 6:31 AM
146	Educate cyclists and dog-walkers to be considerate to other users.	4/28/2014 6:15 AM
147	More suitable car parking at access points	4/28/2014 6:00 AM
148	Keeping dogs under control	4/28/2014 5:57 AM
149	Do more to discourage unpleasant / illegal behaviour as this puts people off using teh towpath., eg Regent's Canal in Camden has (a) lots of cannabis smoking / drinking/ large groups of youths and (b) people camping on the verge	4/28/2014 4:48 AM
150	widen the tow path in areas.	4/28/2014 1:52 AM
151	No blame laying. But shared use principle campaigns are a good idea.	4/28/2014 1:47 AM
152	Events and promotional material. No signs on the towpath but maybe at selected entry points. Online fun educational stuff. Teach kids at school, eg on canal visits.	4/27/2014 3:54 PM
153	As a still water a angler, more investment in footpaths is required	4/27/2014 9:47 AM
154	Prime time advertising on the majot TV channels	4/27/2014 6:45 AM
155	Speed restrictions, particularly cyclists. Dogs to be kept on lead. Rubbish bin provision in hot spots	4/27/2014 4:49 AM
156	Encourage cyclists to ring bells when approaching pedestrians and make pedestrians aware of this advice	4/27/2014 3:44 AM
157	use travelling rangers to monitor behavior and take action as appropriate. e.g. dog fouling, litter, illegal mooring.	4/27/2014 2:45 AM
158	Width of paths, comes under infrastructure I imagine though	4/27/2014 1:25 AM
159	More sign's showing the code of conduct. Involving cycle clubs to encourage better behaviour. Police it	4/27/2014 12:39 AM
160	make them wider	4/26/2014 11:09 PM
161	Make the towpaths suitable for use - in all weathers, and it is no good just throwing down grit and stones as these are utterly dangerous for bicycles, as the wheels can skid on the stones - try it yourselves.	4/26/2014 3:14 PM
162	See previous comments	4/26/2014 2:09 PM
163	Make sure there is clear code of practice for all users of towpath so there are no conflicts.	4/26/2014 2:07 PM
164	Signs encouraging people to realise it is a shared facility	4/26/2014 12:56 PM
165	Slow down cyclists!	4/26/2014 9:06 AM
166	Ban horses, ban bykes, dogs on leads, stop drinking of alcohol. Who will be monitoring and supervising 2,000 mines of canal.. Pobably bes to ban the bloody lot.	4/26/2014 8:35 AM
167	Introduce wardens to patrtol	4/26/2014 8:16 AM
168	It all comes down to education. Teaching people about the primary purpose of the canal and the towpath	4/26/2014 7:49 AM

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169	Cyclists must be made aware that they should exercise full consideration to other towpath users. In particular they should moderate their speed, use their bells and give priority to boat crews when mooring.	4/26/2014 7:12 AM
170	Promoting towpath use will just make them too popular. The best towpath is one that nobody else uses. I used to live on a narrowboat out at Uxbridge and loved cycling home in the dark with zero chance of meeting anyone. Pet hate, Hackney congested with all sorts, drinkers, dogs and children.	4/26/2014 2:39 AM
171	A feeling of security and well being is important when using towpaths. Proliferation of litter particularly in urban areas mostly alongside bridge abutments substantially reduces one's feeling of well being and should be addressed across the network. Local authorities should be encouraged to help here particularly as our canals should be providing important and attractive access points	4/26/2014 1:24 AM
172	A code for contractors working on towpaths. The only sign they use is "Cyclists dismount". Something like "Cyclists give way" would be more realistic. Also make sure that temporary signs for sponsored walls etc get removed. As a specific detail, if there is a major event like a canal boat rally (as at Little Venice) put signs advising cyclists of congestion and to seek an alternative route.	4/25/2014 11:41 PM
173	Encourage tolerance and patience for all users	4/25/2014 1:51 PM
174	Make access easier, more frequent.	4/25/2014 1:37 PM
175	for horses and riders	4/25/2014 1:03 PM
176	Make clear rules on behaviour for all users	4/25/2014 11:55 AM
177	Where possible fit mooring rings at popular sites to avoid tripping hazard from mooring irons in well used canal banks set further back from the edge in order to stay in the ground.	4/25/2014 11:42 AM
178	Dog walkers need to clear up dog waste.	4/25/2014 11:36 AM
179	Education to users in putting others first	4/25/2014 10:44 AM
180	Clear ALL vegetation back on a regular basis making tow paths wider.	4/25/2014 9:41 AM
181	Communicate with anglers.	4/25/2014 7:38 AM
182	Have a speed limit on the towpath. I use it for cycling leisurely and take in the sights etc. If I want to get somewhere quick, I use the road.	4/25/2014 7:27 AM
183	Make sure everyone knows it's a shared space. As a cyclist it unnerves me that other cyclists are going too fast along the towpath. Also, anglers need to be accommodating in removing their rods from the towpath	4/25/2014 7:21 AM
184	Remind pedestrians to be aware of those cycling	4/25/2014 7:15 AM
185	Signs near piers designated for mooring boats whilst waiting at locks! (no fishing) as many an argument when trying to get boat along side, and squashing nets flat!	4/25/2014 6:46 AM
186	Police towpaths for abusive behaviour and police fishermen from plastic bag disposal	4/25/2014 6:42 AM
187	Have signs which state acceptable behaviours at access points	4/25/2014 6:41 AM
188	work with local authorities to enhance parallel routes to make them comfortable, legible and safe for people who prefer using direct & convenient (fast) routes over towpaths - which by their nature are usually slower and less direct.	4/25/2014 6:28 AM
189	Remember that the canals are there primarily for boaters	4/25/2014 5:32 AM
190	Barriers in places so cyclists are forced to get off - would have the effect of reducing speed.	4/25/2014 4:33 AM
191	Encouraging dog owners who are also boaters to control their dogs properly including keeping dogs on leads, and dealing with dog poo.	4/25/2014 4:28 AM
192	Quality of tow path surface - Important	4/25/2014 4:22 AM
193	Show priority for users of the canals and rivers themselves (that is, for boating and angling) above use as a cycling or running track.	4/25/2014 3:49 AM
194	Enforcement. Don't issue threats if you are not willing to carry them out. Make examples of poor use - these serve as an effective deterrent	4/25/2014 2:29 AM
195	Ban the use of roach poles. They only have two uses, either blocking the canal or blocking the towpath. Forcing every other user to stop to accommodate a non-essential part of your hobby is unacceptable.	4/25/2014 1:28 AM

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196	Advertise the advantages of towpath use	4/25/2014 1:09 AM
197	That users are given clear instructions of which side of the towpath to use when others are approaching (cycles).	4/25/2014 1:08 AM
198	Promote the use for cyclists	4/24/2014 2:06 PM
199	Ban long fishing rods that block the towpaths for others	4/24/2014 11:14 AM
200	Warn of use of headphones on canal paths. Can't hear other tow path traffic, cycle bells etc.	4/24/2014 10:52 AM
201	Ensure paths are wide enough for overtaking and for walking or riding two abreast. Display signs which let everyone know who is allowed to be there to encourage tolerance.	4/24/2014 9:49 AM
202	Education and enforcement of reasonable standards of behaviour	4/24/2014 9:23 AM
203	Introduce a system for reporting anti-social anglers. Remind users that Towpaths are shared by everyone not anglers and joggers.	4/24/2014 9:19 AM
204	fit rubbish bins for dog mess	4/24/2014 8:28 AM
205	Have an open discussion between different users on what each party does that irritates others. Some issues will be down to problems with understanding, interpretation, perspective. Organise litter picking, or provide bins with signage to encourage users to collect litter.	4/24/2014 8:09 AM
206	Sorry already mentioned dog waste bins	4/24/2014 5:32 AM
207	I use the Grand Union Canal in West London every day for a 7 mile each way commute, have done for 5 years. What has amazed me over that time is how few people use it - it is all but deserted! The main thing putting off other cyclists at my workplace is the drinkers and drug users.	4/24/2014 4:57 AM
208	The relaxing aspect of a gentle walk or relaxing afternoons fishing. A place that on the whole is not the domain of fitness fanatics as the two dont match	4/24/2014 4:50 AM
209	More bins	4/24/2014 4:47 AM
210	Promote the rule of keeping to the left	4/24/2014 4:25 AM
211	Signage encouraging people to show a modicum of common courtesy	4/24/2014 4:21 AM
212	when I have rode a bike along country canal tow paths I have suffered punctures from hawthorn hedge cuttings left on the towpath - but I dont know what the answer is as the hedges have to be cut and they are mainly hawthorn hedges -	4/24/2014 2:35 AM
213	Invest in cycle routes especially in busy areas Lobby for investment in cycle routes	4/24/2014 2:18 AM
214	Regular passing / resting / litter-bin points	4/24/2014 1:43 AM
215	Notification of activities that are taking place that may prevent others from using the path on a particular day. For example when our local canal is being used by fishermen for a competition it is impossible to enjoy a walk along the towpath with a dog. They think they own the canal even though some of us are there very week and they are there only on a few occasions. If we knew in advance a fishing event was going on we wouldn't go there.	4/24/2014 1:38 AM
216	More simple signage on main access points to routes about behaviour. As a cyclist I have encountered some that consider ringing a bell to be rude and others that consider a vocal call rude. It would be useful if the C&RT were to back up the majority of cyclists whose main wish is to alert people to their presence.	4/23/2014 11:41 PM
217	Encourage the concept of being reasonable and considerate.	4/23/2014 10:19 PM
218	make sure they are cleared so that they are wide enough for bikes and people	4/23/2014 3:48 PM
219	Publicise and encourage participation in local working parties (we do this in my village)	4/23/2014 1:42 PM
220	Nothing else is required. I use towpaths regularly, as a walker and cyclist, and have no concern about the behaviour towards each other. Spend your time on improving infrastructure rather than on people's behaviour.	4/23/2014 1:12 PM
221	Share and care	4/23/2014 12:50 PM
222	School trip education	4/23/2014 11:17 AM
223	Widen those with heavy cycling and walking use and, in certain case, it may be necessary to segregate users.	4/23/2014 10:29 AM
224	Speed limit in line with the waterways bylaws An example 6mph in towns etc & 15mph on empty country path	4/23/2014 10:04 AM

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225	Work with cyclists, anglers, runners, and other groups; not against them. Most bad behaviour is perpetrated by a small numbers of bad actors.	4/23/2014 10:01 AM
226	Give greater thought to surfacing materials. Some of the small grit / limestone toppings (eg western K & A) are unpleasantly dusty in Summer and glue-like in Winter.	4/23/2014 9:41 AM
227	Segregate cyclists from other towpath users, for every considerate cyclist there are 10 that consider they have an absolute right to do what they please.	4/23/2014 9:06 AM
228	Make it clear what modes of activity are acceptable	4/23/2014 8:45 AM
229	Widening to enable some separation of walkers from cyclists	4/23/2014 8:07 AM
230	Where possible split paths one side for walking one for cycling.	4/23/2014 7:54 AM
231	Communicate key message - friendly posters/signs	4/23/2014 7:42 AM
232	Work closer with local authorities, cycle groups, Ramblers etc.	4/23/2014 7:07 AM
233	Wider towpaths, with more enduring surfaces.	4/23/2014 7:01 AM
234	Work with Sustrans and local cycling organisations	4/23/2014 6:58 AM
235	more patrols to stop speeding bikes	4/23/2014 6:48 AM
236	Widen them!	4/23/2014 6:29 AM
237	Removing bottlenecks and widening paths with hard wearing materials	4/23/2014 6:28 AM
238	If walking/cycling/horse conflict is a cause of problems, then it must recognise that "encouraging better behaviours" is not a solution. Instead the councils must provide equally safe alternative routes, or the canal and river-side routes upgraded to safely carry more load.	4/23/2014 6:20 AM
239	Enforcement Education	4/23/2014 6:15 AM
240	Widening and removal of access restrictions (chicanes, kissing gates etc) at start and finish of the path	4/23/2014 6:09 AM
241	Cyclist know they are allowed down there, pedestrians often see cyclist as 'riding on the footpath' and give us abuse as a consequence. Better signs to let all groups know we are allowed to use the towpath would help everyone	4/23/2014 6:08 AM
242	Promote pedestrian awareness that on a *shared* path there will be quicker users who need to overtake.	4/23/2014 5:56 AM
243	Adequate lighting is needed. When I cycle commute during winter I often see women walking alone at night along lonely stretches of Towpath. People do this for exercise and to save money. Please help to protect such people, and discourage weirdo's and drug users from hanging around the canals that remain un policed.	4/23/2014 5:50 AM
244	Social media campaign - some videos on youtube.	4/23/2014 5:36 AM
245	Encourage more people to use them. Improve accessibility.	4/23/2014 5:29 AM
246	Improve the infrastructure. Behaviour follows infrastructure. You can't just ask people to "share nicely" - it doesn't work like that. Anything else is naive.	4/23/2014 5:15 AM
247	publicise the code of conduct, have rangers checking the towpaths (volunteers perhaps)	4/23/2014 5:09 AM
248	Making sure the paths are surfaced to avoid puddles/mud, with plenty of room to pass.	4/23/2014 4:48 AM
249	Education of all users	4/23/2014 4:35 AM
250	Dog walkers must be told to use short leads and to keep their animals on a lead at all times. They should also clean up after them. Anglers must be told to exercise caution when casting, and not to obstruct the towpath with long poles.	4/23/2014 4:29 AM
251	Better education for cyclists is required as they are predominantly the problem	4/23/2014 4:01 AM
252	Not have major cycle routes going down them (and I speak as a keen road cyclist). Especially when they have narrow bridges.	4/23/2014 3:53 AM
253	If there are problem stretches e.g. straight sections where some cyclists might pick up speed, perhaps you could put in a chicane-style posts to make sure they slow down.	4/23/2014 3:19 AM
254	On busy towpaths - for cyclists to cycle considerately, promoting using bells.	4/23/2014 2:38 AM
255	More publicity for towpaths and canals. Education for boat owners. fisherman etc	4/23/2014 2:36 AM
256	Make pedestrians aware that cyclists are allowed	4/23/2014 2:32 AM

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257	Awareness for all users - e.g. signs at every single point of entry/exit to/from the canal	4/23/2014 2:23 AM
258	Make them wider.	4/23/2014 2:09 AM
259	Innovative solutions for the blind corner bridges, to alert people someone may be walking/cycling underneath	4/23/2014 1:57 AM
260	Make improvements, where these can be made sensitively without spoiling the rural environment. Not promoting (and if necessary, restricting) the use of cycles on towpaths that are not up to standard. All signage in rural areas should be of a suitable design that is fit for purpose but yet does not 'clutter' the countryside.	4/23/2014 1:50 AM
261	none	4/23/2014 1:34 AM
262	Provide space for anglers so they are not blocking towpaths. Police this more.	4/23/2014 1:18 AM
263	Stop anglers blocking towpaths with their equipment	4/23/2014 1:18 AM
264	promote awareness of safety around water	4/23/2014 1:07 AM
265	Improvements to access points to the towpaths	4/23/2014 12:58 AM
266	Nothing. I used Gloucester Sharpness recently and was very impressed with signs	4/23/2014 12:32 AM
267	The CRT should spend more time on the towpaths to see what the problems are that users face	4/23/2014 12:28 AM
268	Just continuing to raise awareness of how important these areas are for the local community and wildlife so that people appreciate them and help to protect them.	4/23/2014 12:28 AM
269	Basic rules of engagement, being courteous and respecting all users, signage for cyclist walkers anglers so no one is given priority. Dogs to be on a short lead, and although it would appear obvious keep left signs, people seem to go over to the right when not on the road, adds confusion.	4/22/2014 11:41 PM
270	Availability of dog poop bins or signage to educate dog walkers and encourage responsible ownership.	4/22/2014 11:41 PM
271	Width of towpath, surface access and egress	4/22/2014 10:28 PM
272	1 Education through symbols/ info graphics and good path design. 2 Give segregated space for people on wheels (bikes, skates and fast wheelchairs) where possible. 3 Stand up to anyone who demands divisive and discriminatory signs and policies. 4 Welcome cyclists and treat them fairly - don't endlessly badger them or tell them they are of lower priority. 5 Where mud patches appear alongside paths because of heavy use where the path is too narrow or misaligned, widen the path. 6 Creating leaflets, taking out adverts and other so-called 'soft measures' don't work and waste resources. Clear, informative signs do work. Decent paths work. Focus funding where it will have most effect.	4/22/2014 7:10 PM
273	just more signs and visible officers to make sure the law is withheld	4/22/2014 3:52 PM
274	Measures to slow cyclists down but not inconvenience them.	4/22/2014 3:52 PM
275	Publicity and education.	4/22/2014 3:40 PM
276	Improve signage	4/22/2014 3:38 PM
277	Make clear that the path is not only for pedestrians. Cyclists are often overlooked. Clear use of the stylised 'bicycle' logo will reinforce the point. Publish separate codes of conduct for the different groups using the towpaths (cyclists, pedestrians).	4/22/2014 3:35 PM
278	Educate people - we need to learn to share	4/22/2014 3:23 PM
279	Highlight the bad habits of dog users who leave dog waste, working with all local councils to have landfill bins/dog bins. Better information signposts, see Forestry Commission for examples, local area info, point of location, use of QR codes. Integration of NCN signage into C&R T signage.	4/22/2014 3:21 PM
280	No cyclists on regents canal	4/22/2014 3:15 PM
281	Care with planning gates, barriers, and other obstacles on the paths.	4/22/2014 2:56 PM
282	All users should avoid blocking the towpath at all times. For example if a cyclist is repairing a puncture they should make sure other people can pass them safely without having to go around them. Also anglers should not be allowed to block the towpaths with their poles etc. I have been on towpaths with my children who have been shouted at by anglers for stepping over the fishing kit left across the path. The alternative was for young children to hang around and make a noise or go near the bank to get past.	4/22/2014 2:43 PM

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283	Design out conflict. 4m wide tarmac paths. Widening of paths under bridges. Stop designing in conflict by keeping the paths so narrow.	4/22/2014 2:37 PM
284	Have a website where people can report problems and problem areas and then put people on the ground who have the authority to challenge and persuade those who are being anti-sharing. Wider paths just encourage the cyclists to go faster. Signs are only read by those that are not anti-social. More signage just litters and urbanises the environment. Good forcefull ambassadors on the ground are needed.	4/22/2014 2:23 PM
285	I walk, jog and cycle around Birmingham's canal network, and the only antisocial behaviour I have seen is from an angler who scattered tacks across the towpath to deliberately puncture tyres, rather than concentrating on slowing people down promote the fact that canals were built for transportation.	4/22/2014 2:22 PM
286	Having frequent signage reminding people of the different forms of traffic.	4/22/2014 2:21 PM
287	It is difficult to think that CRT has a role in managing public behaviour greater than authorities managing pavements, footpaths etc.	4/22/2014 2:18 PM
288	Wherever possible towpaths should explicitly included in broader networks, in order to make their use more valuable.	4/22/2014 2:15 PM
289	Encourage cycling by Improving towpaths to being hard packed gravel and well maintained cobbles eg wakefield to Leeds. Not the poor disheveled paths found between Leeds and skipton	4/22/2014 2:10 PM
290	Look at the speed bumps used on Dutch cycle routes, which discourage going above a certain speed. Those would be better than using barriers.	4/22/2014 2:03 PM
291	better links with the likes of Sustrans	4/22/2014 1:56 PM
292	Segregate fast / slow modes of transport to reduce conflict. Where this is not possible, wider paths.	4/22/2014 1:55 PM
293	Poor examples of sharing are caused by conflicts due to space or poor infrastructure. The Trust should try to fix the route cause (infrastructure) rather than the symptom (bad behaviour).	4/22/2014 1:55 PM
294	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 1:51 PM
295	Look at the speed bumps used in the Netherlands on bicycle routes - designed to only be uncomfortable above a certain speed, they could be useful for encouraging more sensible speeds - much better than using barriers.	4/22/2014 1:43 PM
296	Make it possible to use by all means of "transport" - remove obstacles to running and cycling such as metal reverse-v-shaped barriers.	4/22/2014 1:43 PM
297	Drown people who break bottles on the towpath. They cause a danger to everyone who uses it. Pedestrians, dogs and cyclists.	4/22/2014 1:42 PM
298	Promoting that they are for shared use.	4/22/2014 1:34 PM
299	Promote the use of towpaths as safe places for cyclists as well as walkers etc, these are ideal places for family and leisure cycling - something there isn't really enough of.	4/22/2014 1:17 PM
300	I don't know, sorry.	4/22/2014 1:12 PM
301	don't fit anything that stops disabled using them. No a frames or silly gates.	4/22/2014 1:09 PM
302	Prevent National and Local Authorities from seeking to develop towpaths as official cycle routes when there is inadequate space.	4/22/2014 1:08 PM
303	See previous comment re dogs.	4/22/2014 1:07 PM
304	Recommend code of behaviour to encourage respect between towpath users	4/22/2014 1:04 PM
305	Improve surfaces in places	4/22/2014 12:58 PM
306	All cyclists should have a bell to tell others of their approach... Signs should be made for this... I think walkers get annoyed at cyclists when they don't know they are there and then wiz by.	4/22/2014 12:42 PM
307	Provide a phone App	4/22/2014 12:41 PM
308	Polite notices asking users to have consideration for each other.	4/22/2014 12:31 PM
309	Purposeful infrastructure.	4/22/2014 12:22 PM
310	Widen towpaths, improve surfaces and improve access	4/22/2014 12:07 PM

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311	Equal rights of users	4/22/2014 12:01 PM
312	Remind people to lay attention.	4/22/2014 11:48 AM
313	Suggest cyclists use bells. (I am dominantly a cyclist)	4/22/2014 11:34 AM
314	More visible patrolling/ policing of the towpaths.. More signage... lets people know what is allowed and not.. tired of pedestrians and snide commnets re-cycling...	4/22/2014 11:17 AM
315	Demarcation and barriers that are in keeping with the surroundings.	4/22/2014 11:17 AM
316	Better promotion and visitor reviews, such as `trip Advisor and sustrans routes.	4/22/2014 11:02 AM
317	should have wardens/ambassadors on patrol	4/22/2014 11:00 AM
318	Make the towpaths a more pleasant environment, improve surface and drainage to avoid muddy sections, use information signs for a code of conduct for all users	4/22/2014 10:54 AM
319	Look to make the entire route designated shared paths.	4/22/2014 10:44 AM
320	Put up a code of conduct notice at regular access points. Have a copy on their website that can be downloaded and printed out in credit of postcard size. Distribute pre-printed copies. Be prepared to ban regularly inconsiderate users.	4/22/2014 10:38 AM
321	More promotion of the basic principles	4/22/2014 10:27 AM
322	Don't prioritise a single user group this causes more conflict and more issues.	4/22/2014 10:19 AM
323	Walkers & cyclists keep left when approaching each other.	4/22/2014 9:59 AM
324	To require dog owners to keep their pets under control and on leads	4/22/2014 9:55 AM
325	More promotion of routes and expected behaviours of all groups.	4/22/2014 9:41 AM
326	Ensure that all users know that they are permitted. Too much 'entitlement' displayed by some user groups	4/22/2014 9:39 AM
327	Public awareness campaign	4/22/2014 9:37 AM
328	Keep left cyclist signs?	4/22/2014 9:36 AM
329	make them wider. use "rough" surfaces rather than tarmac (encourage a slower speed and discourage racing bikes which are fitted with very narrow tyres)	4/22/2014 9:24 AM
330	Nothing—they are already used by those for whom they were designed, and these people should be your major consideration	4/22/2014 9:10 AM
331	Produce route maps for walking cycling etc	4/22/2014 8:33 AM
332	Enforce biking speed limits	4/22/2014 8:29 AM
333	Educate cyclists and perhaps have occasional 'enforcement' wardens at known problem areas.	4/22/2014 7:40 AM
334	talk to users.	4/22/2014 6:35 AM
335	slow cycling traffic at risky areas (such as under bridges).	4/22/2014 5:49 AM
336	Nothing	4/22/2014 5:31 AM
337	Is it possible to address bad behaviour?	4/22/2014 4:09 AM
338	Place an ENFORCEABLE speed restriction on cyclists - all your good work is negated by inconsiderate cyclists	4/22/2014 2:56 AM
339	Make better use of noticeboards and other signs to raise user awareness.	4/22/2014 2:51 AM
340	Well, you could start by saying what is meant by 'better sharing' as I'm totaly unaware of the issues contained in that generic statement. I have yet to see an example of 'poor sharing', but I don't walk every canal path in the country. Where, when, who, how and why?	4/22/2014 2:03 AM
341	Need to work with other agencies, particularly related to cycling and mountain biking to develop clear codes of practice eg not riding two abreast, giving way to pedestrians, no racing.....	4/22/2014 1:45 AM
342	If towpaths are well maintained and wide enough to use, conflict is minimised.	4/22/2014 1:22 AM
343	Raise awareness of their existence in urban areas where they are often underused, i.e. East London, Mile End, Limehouse Basin.	4/21/2014 11:43 PM
344	Join in with cycle schools to help train cyclists.	4/21/2014 5:10 PM
345	Giving pedestrians and wheelchair users priority on towpaths	4/21/2014 4:56 PM

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346	Signage must not be punitive towards any one group of user - instead, a friendly, positive commonsense tone will resonate better. Also suggestion/provision of quiet alternatives for users like bike commuters may help though note that bike commuting on towpaths often takes place at peak times when other towpath users are not there.	4/21/2014 2:50 PM
347	Encouraging better behaviour simply doesn't work - it never has. There are always inconsiderate users and we live in a very selfish society now - people are no longer concerned with helping others or sharing. This will be harder than ever to achieve	4/21/2014 2:31 PM
348	Better infrastructure	4/21/2014 1:44 PM
349	Rules and information signs about how cycles/walkers both use the towpath in compliment to each other	4/21/2014 1:23 PM
350	Encourage local police forces to do spot checks on sections of the canals on occasions	4/21/2014 12:14 PM
351	More to explain that cyclists should stay canalside and pedestrians the other side of shared path	4/21/2014 11:41 AM
352	Promote local group led events, and other activities to populate the canal with users, as the most effective way to police activities.	4/21/2014 11:31 AM
353	Encourage walkers/boaters to understand that an angler may need a few minutes to get their tackle out of the way.	4/21/2014 11:08 AM
354	Use (natural) colour toned asphalt at friction points to assist in cyclists making reasonable progress without upsetting others.	4/21/2014 11:07 AM
355	Encourage greater use	4/21/2014 11:05 AM
356	Allow horse riding on towpaths.	4/21/2014 10:30 AM
357	Dog walkers must keep to a limit of 1 dog per person, and that should be on a lead. Otherwise, it will be impossible to have shared space with cyclists whilst avoiding conflicts.	4/21/2014 10:30 AM
358	Widen towpaths and maintain hedgerows, ensure surfaces are sound and not potholed	4/21/2014 10:27 AM
359	Widen them.	4/21/2014 10:21 AM
360	Your survey has assumed the answers to its own questions—shared use is a general failure for all, and often is due to defeatism or laziness.	4/21/2014 9:47 AM
361	No comment	4/21/2014 9:32 AM
362	Restrict peak hour cycling to school children and carers and those with special permits.	4/21/2014 9:29 AM
363	Produce a 'standard' for repairs to the towpath. Using washed river gravel for patching poor surfaces is dangerous for cyclists and makes travel more difficult for wheelchair users. In many ways worse than mud.	4/21/2014 9:08 AM
364	Educate people to respect other users and the environment	4/21/2014 8:51 AM
365	Make sure dogs are on leads at all times and anglers do not block the paths with their equipment.	4/21/2014 8:44 AM
366	Better infrastructure leads to better behaviour	4/21/2014 8:43 AM
367	You guys Can't fix it. Too many users at peak time. TfI need to make teal cycle routes.	4/21/2014 8:42 AM
368	Support space4cycling away from tow paths	4/21/2014 8:35 AM
369	Stop boaters who live full time on board and who do not wish to pay for permanent moorings, mooring up for long periods along the canals. These people are a nuisance and prevent other boaters from making overnight stops.	4/21/2014 5:21 AM
370	A speed limit for cyclists, and get cyclists to recognise that they don't have the right of way. They may have to dismount and walk past or round pedestrians at times. They should always have bells fitted. In short, there needs to be a separate code of conduct for cyclists. By the way, I am a cyclist myself, but badly behaved ones annoy me.	4/20/2014 5:04 PM
371	wider paths on towpaths	4/20/2014 10:03 AM
372	Clear signage and good path maintenance.	4/20/2014 6:47 AM
373	Advertising in local papers	4/20/2014 12:39 AM
374	cutting back overgrown trees and hedges	4/19/2014 2:24 PM
375	Perhaps a few more signs.	4/19/2014 2:22 PM
376	Widen and provide good surfaces wherever possible. Crack down on criminal behaviour	4/19/2014 12:15 PM

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377	Encourage anglers to take their litter etc home & asking dog owners to take their 'bags' home not hand in trees or throw into hedgerow or canal.	4/19/2014 4:22 AM
378	Remove fences and barricades that narrow the width of the towpath so that only 1 person may pass at once	4/19/2014 3:32 AM
379	Encourage other regular users (non boaters) to contribute to the upkeep.	4/19/2014 3:20 AM
380	Ensure that behaviour requests are well tailored for the situation and expressed positively.	4/19/2014 12:03 AM
381	Stop excluding horses!	4/18/2014 11:34 AM
382	see answer number 10	4/18/2014 10:35 AM
383	Widen them, cut back vegetation that restricts the width. Repair damaged banks.	4/18/2014 8:59 AM
384	make a speed limit on the tow-path of human walking speed	4/18/2014 8:28 AM
385	Dog litter bins in areas dog walkers go, where there are none. Information of local amenities on notice boards	4/18/2014 8:25 AM
386	Improve warning signage and restrict cycling in areas where the towpath surface is being degraded by cycle use. Enforce penalties on dog owners that don't clean up after their dog.	4/18/2014 8:19 AM
387	Perhaps designate fishing areas where path is wider, encourage cyclists to be aware of other users with signage, suggest dog walkers keep dogs on leads.	4/18/2014 8:03 AM
388	Better promotion of behaviour	4/18/2014 6:09 AM
389	Cyclists should be requested to fit their bicycle with a bell and to use it well before approaching a pedestrian from behind. In addition they should be encouraged to call out to a pedestrian to warn them of their presence saying 'passing you slowly on your right', for instance. I am regularly passed from behind by a fast, quiet bicycle on the towpath which is very alarming!	4/18/2014 5:31 AM
390	restrict boat owners from destroying the bank side trees for firewood and overstayng their stays	4/18/2014 4:09 AM
391	Fiercely encourage funding from other users than boaters.	4/18/2014 4:06 AM
392	Speed restricting structures.	4/18/2014 3:30 AM
393	1. Dog fouling and litter - need a strategy for this 2. Cycling - more signage and mechanisms to slow cyclists down	4/18/2014 2:17 AM
394	Effective action to tackle the problem of near-permanent squatters encamped at some sections of the network.	4/18/2014 2:08 AM
395	Stop cycling	4/18/2014 1:30 AM
396	a standard surface across the whole network	4/18/2014 12:06 AM
397	More signs informing cyclists of their responsibilities	4/17/2014 11:48 PM
398	Signs	4/17/2014 9:43 PM
399	Less dog poo	4/17/2014 3:56 PM
400	Wardens (volunteers!) talking to users at busy times.	4/17/2014 3:38 PM
401	Ensure guidelines are clearly shown at access points	4/17/2014 3:16 PM
402	Permit access for horse riders thereby making an obvious contribution to public safety	4/17/2014 2:21 PM
403	Provide adequate width where towpaths are well used by cyclists and pedestrians.	4/17/2014 2:18 PM
404	Provide the appropriate facilities for all types of user. Picnic areas with litter bins; cafes on otherwise "dead" land that's part of the towpath infrastructure; more dog-waste bins; perhaps even hides from which to observe wildlife.	4/17/2014 1:47 PM
405	clear signage to indicate that cyclists should give every courtesy to walkers, even on designated cycle routes (Trans-Pennine for example) I personally always move aside if I see cyclists coming towards me but as a hearing aid wearer I very often don't hear them approaching from behind, especially if the wind is blowing in my ears and I don't hear high pitches at all well (bells) anyway. Most cyclists do slow down or call out but I have had several collision near misses. There are always some cyclists, often in groups of up to half a dozen or more who just speed along and expect all other uses to get hurriedly out of their way.	4/17/2014 1:32 PM
406	Improve the paths that pass under bridges. Make them wider and improve visibility.	4/17/2014 1:20 PM
407	promote the formation of towpath users groups to help with litter picking and general appearance	4/17/2014 1:08 PM

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408	Speed limit for cyclists seen to be enforced.	4/17/2014 12:56 PM
409	ask sustrans to remind their members that the towpaths are a walking paced environment, not a cycleway to be used for rapid traffic free transit from A to B	4/17/2014 12:39 PM
410	police it (in 60 years of using towpaths I have never seen any body checking)	4/17/2014 12:36 PM
411	Give information, if feasible, of towpaths which are wheelchair/transportable mobility scooter friendly.	4/17/2014 12:19 PM
412	Better sharing of mooring space	4/17/2014 12:14 PM
413	put seating areas at locks	4/17/2014 12:13 PM
414	Inform cyclists of bells	4/17/2014 11:18 AM
415	Issue official guidelines to cyclists and consider fines for inconsiderate behaviour.	4/17/2014 10:57 AM
416	Educate cyclists and joggers on the importance of giving right of way to walkers and other canal users and indicating their imminent arrival ahead of time when approaching from behind.	4/17/2014 10:54 AM
417	Not sure. I don't want big warning signs.	4/17/2014 10:53 AM
418	close them to the non paying public	4/17/2014 10:47 AM
419	As before, make cyclists aware that they do NOT own the towpath	4/17/2014 10:40 AM
420	Publicise more the code for behaviour on towpaths (like the highway code)	4/17/2014 10:12 AM
421	Widen them. Surface them in places where the going is rutted or muddy. More dog poo bins. More rubbish bins. Fine people who do not pick up their dog poo.	4/17/2014 10:07 AM
422	Perhaps some notices at access points reminding people to be considerate to all users.	4/17/2014 10:02 AM
423	Involve local authorities more	4/17/2014 10:00 AM
424	Encourage proper disposal of dog waste, and strictly enforce the laws re this. Provide more bins.	4/17/2014 9:59 AM
425	Contact cycling and angling groups and local councils to promote the considerate use of towpaths for all users.	4/17/2014 9:45 AM
426	I rarely have any problems and I use canals a lot for walking	4/17/2014 9:42 AM
427	Better signage to encourage cyclists to dismount in busy areas	4/17/2014 7:40 AM
428	Keep clean of graffiti and litter and overhanging vegetation	4/17/2014 7:26 AM
429	Dog waste bins	4/17/2014 7:15 AM
430	Better maintenance to reduce muddy sections.	4/17/2014 6:59 AM
431	Better publication of best practice for all users.	4/17/2014 6:10 AM
432	Clean environment Under take more /regular litter picking Empty dog poo bins on a regular basis	4/17/2014 5:27 AM
433	Put a decent wide enough surface on them	4/17/2014 3:52 AM
434	Improve the drainage and surface where it is very muddy.	4/17/2014 2:32 AM
435	You need to define your concept of better sharing. Not all 'built facilities' are necessarily or ultimately compatible with being 'all things to all' people	4/17/2014 1:41 AM
436	Have people (volunteers)? Available to help and advise.	4/17/2014 1:29 AM
437	Use towpath wardens	4/17/2014 1:12 AM
438	Stop anglers digging the bankside for their fishing platforms. Stop anglers constructing permanent fishing platforms.	4/16/2014 4:14 PM
439	The whole survey comes across as blaming cyclists for all issues	4/16/2014 4:11 PM
440	Heavy fines for irresponsible dog owners.	4/16/2014 1:28 PM
441	make towpath users more aware of the rules signage or leaflets	4/16/2014 12:04 PM
442	More consideration for walkers by cyclists instead of just racing up to them and passing at high speeds without any warnings	4/16/2014 11:01 AM
443	Only allow cycling where there are suitable towpaths.	4/16/2014 10:53 AM
444	Wider education of the potential users	4/16/2014 10:53 AM

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445	Emphasize the responsibilities of those afloat to those ashore & that canals are shared recreational facilities used by all with no one group having precedence over another.	4/16/2014 3:58 AM
446	More activities along the towpath to promote shared use	4/15/2014 7:40 AM
447	Work out how to manage inconsiderate and fast cyclists - making them dismount under bridges, making them more aware of the need to share the route, asking them to alert pedestrians to their presence, asking them to be more courteous and have a greater appreciation of the various activities and enjoyment of others taking place. Cyclists should not be encouraged to use the towpaths merely to hurry from point A to point B simply because it is quicker/more convenient than using the road network.	4/15/2014 2:20 AM
448	Clarify the purpose and 'pecking' order of uses; 'working' a boat, mooring of boats, walking, (with children, the disabled and dogs, fishing, running and cycling.	4/15/2014 1:40 AM
449	You are trying to be everything to everybody in all places and it is not working. Choose priorities, their areas and enforce it	4/14/2014 2:48 PM
450	Slow cyclists down at popular walking and mooring points. - signage, barriers, policing, insist on bikes having bells.	4/14/2014 1:35 PM
451	Make the surface/access incompatible with speeding cycling	4/14/2014 11:40 AM
452	Monitor illegal boat mooring and charge for bike use	4/14/2014 11:22 AM
453	anglers (through their rod licensing and local ticket purchase) are the only users you mention who pay anything into your funds. Our needs should be paramount to any other user or get them to pay as well.	4/14/2014 11:17 AM
454	I don't agree with it. Sorry.	4/14/2014 11:05 AM
455	the expansion of cheap living on canals has given rise boat owners "taking over" access points with their parked vehicles, the grand union milton keynes is particularly bad	4/14/2014 9:04 AM
456	Make it clear what the path is for. If cycling but busy with other people there may need to be lines and signs to show this to people	4/14/2014 8:33 AM
457	Separated modes wherever practical. Better signage elsewhere	4/14/2014 7:49 AM
458	Remind boat owners that the towpath next to their parked boat is not their garden. Remind boat owners that dogs should be kept under control.	4/14/2014 7:38 AM
459	More understanding of who uses the towpaths. I regularly cycle along the Leeds Liverpool canal as it is a national cycle route but many visitors (mainly dog walkers) tend to be unaware of its status as national cycle network and seem to believe I have less right to be there than pedestrians.	4/14/2014 7:17 AM
460	Clear rules for cyclists, regularly stated.	4/14/2014 7:16 AM
461	As above or consider a nice project adding streetview experience	4/14/2014 7:16 AM
462	specifications and design standards should aid shared use	4/14/2014 7:13 AM
463	put some random chicane in to slow down cyclists. Go into schools and talk to children about the importance of canals and towpaths and sharing.	4/14/2014 2:38 AM
464	talking to other stakeholders (as you are doing) is essential. Communicating to all users - this is the key. I don't have a magic bullet for how to get the message across to everyone.	4/14/2014 12:16 AM
465	Make them safer through whatever means	4/13/2014 11:22 AM
466	promote greater interaction between land and water uses	4/13/2014 9:32 AM
467	consider horses and riders	4/13/2014 8:11 AM
468	Issue information outlining to all users how to safely share the towpaths - a towpath code.	4/13/2014 2:31 AM
469	Cycle barriers at key points to discourage speeding, especially at narrow bridges, locksides	4/13/2014 2:01 AM
470	Volunteer rangers, could use trained angling club bailiffs in some areas providing the people are vetted and deemed suitable, maybe a link to Angling trust and their voluntary bailiffing scheme	4/12/2014 9:56 AM
471	Clear signage at all access points indicating user groups level of priority. SPEED LIMITS	4/12/2014 3:47 AM
472	some code of conduct to be put in place for all users	4/12/2014 1:36 AM
473	finer for dog fouling and fly tipping	4/11/2014 5:56 AM
474	Emphasise pedestrians over cyclists. Encourage taxation breaks for waterside businesses.	4/11/2014 5:40 AM

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475	Wider towpaths would be very useful, whilst not possible in some areas there are many areas that are overgrown and could easily be widened. There are frequently confrontations between users (particularly anglers and cyclists), this frustration often just boils down to lack of space.	4/11/2014 4:21 AM
476	Create 'priority user' signage - riders give way to walkers, cyclists give way to riders and walkers.	4/11/2014 3:52 AM
477	Police sharing. Move on anglers blocking towpaths, fishing in mooring areas, etc. Make their use conditional on this.	4/11/2014 12:38 AM
478	Boats when moored on the towpath side should leave a minimum of 5 metres between boats to allow access for anglers. Also an Events Diary should be displayed on canal sections to show forthcoming organised events ie. boat rallies, angling competitions, cycle events, etc.	4/10/2014 12:18 PM
479	Back to my pet subject again and I am sure cyclists are actually deterring some other canal users. Maybe a sensible speed limit, the same as the boats?	4/10/2014 12:07 PM
480	Cyclists to dismount when meeting Anglers already present on towpath	4/10/2014 12:01 PM
481	Education	4/10/2014 8:23 AM
482	Nothin	4/10/2014 8:08 AM
483	More facilities for dog owners to clear up after their dogs, as this is a real problem.	4/10/2014 2:53 AM
484	Insist cyclists have a bell or similar device before being allowed on towpaths. Have prominent signs giving predominance to walkers	4/10/2014 12:55 AM
485	Methods to slow racing cyclists along towpaths.	4/10/2014 12:13 AM
486	Better access on to them. For disabled people.	4/9/2014 7:21 AM
487	Educate the minority of rude anglers and cyclists that they do not have any more right to use the system than any one else.	4/9/2014 5:25 AM
488	more signage to foster safe mutual usership	4/9/2014 4:02 AM
489	I don't agree with sharing	4/9/2014 1:54 AM
490	Introduce a licence system for adult cyclists. Introduce a strict speed limit. Make some towpaths walker only. Greater access to the towpath. Provide more opportunities to stop. Greater integration with local enterprise eg towpath events, cafe boats. Toilet facilities, are there any except the odd one only usable if you have a Trust Key. This is particularly important for the more elderly among us. Or signposts to the nearest facilities, cafes etc. Engagement with artists and sculpture a existing examples eg Coventry.	4/8/2014 11:40 PM
491	Signs for cyclists and dog owners.	4/8/2014 3:08 PM
492	Advertising in the CTC & Sustrans literature? Cycling Weekly?	4/8/2014 2:58 PM
493	Wider paths, not always practical but helps to allow passing.	4/8/2014 10:42 AM
494	To encourage all activity on the towpaths but partner with experts in each field to educate better on how to share the space. Eg. partner with Sustrans to share knowledge amongst cyclists.	4/8/2014 8:42 AM
495	More visible wardens present on the paths as ambassadors and encouraging better behaviour. It is no good just sticking signs up and hoping the ne'er do well/ignorant percentage who cause problems will suddenly mend their ways.	4/8/2014 5:55 AM
496	Invest more in canal wash wall repairs/ towpath resurfacing. Much of Rochdale Canal is in very poor condition and difficult to use in wet weather.	4/8/2014 5:38 AM
497	Clearly mapping towpath surface quality - it is nearly impossible to tell what the towpath quality is like without visiting in person	4/8/2014 4:54 AM
498	stop cycling	4/8/2014 3:46 AM
499	Control cyclists behaviour	4/8/2014 2:27 AM
500	Wider communications	4/8/2014 1:18 AM
501	To be fair I've not noticed any problems with people sharing towpaths in general. All the dog walkers, cyclists and anglers I've met have been polite and friendly although a few cyclists possibly pass other people a bit too quickly.	4/7/2014 3:39 PM
502	Make the public aware of the Code of Conduct	4/7/2014 2:23 PM
503	Ensuring any misleading signs are removed ie. "Private Property" or "No Public Right of Way". If access is to be encouraged that are not recognised Public Rights of Way, such signs can deter users who are exploring new ground.	4/7/2014 1:49 PM

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504	Education / publicity campaign	4/7/2014 12:30 PM
505	make cyclists walk or carry ID insurance and a paid for permit to cover the wear and tear to the towpath	4/7/2014 10:08 AM
506	Suggest that cyclists dismount around anglers and pedestrians. Try and control the amount of time boats spend in one area better, as the amount of dog mess covering the tow path and verges significantly increases with the amount of time some boats are in a particular location.	4/7/2014 9:38 AM
507	Why do you need to encourage more users???	4/7/2014 7:25 AM
508	The setting of a maximum speed limit and clear signage as to pedestrians having the right of way. I have on numerous occasions myself been informed that I am walking on the cycle path!	4/7/2014 6:58 AM
509	People who see nothing abusing other people's rights aren't going to respond to "encouragement". The C&RT should licence canoeists/boaters and cyclists and take action against people who break the code, including taking people who break bye-laws to court.	4/7/2014 5:48 AM
510	Install chicanes etc. to deter racing cyclists. Separate cyclists & pedestrians.	4/7/2014 2:43 AM
511	Put up signs at water points requiring cyclists to dismount and not ride over hoses. Apply a speed limit on the tow path as well as on the water.	4/7/2014 1:49 AM
512	Allow new commercial facilities such as cafés and stalls at few locations, under strict controls	4/7/2014 1:38 AM
513	the look of the canal, as it strongly effects tourism for example the pond in Sowerby bridge which is an eyesore to the town as it has to be left empty and be fenced due to a local business diggin a cellar next to the canal and causes leaks	4/7/2014 1:23 AM
514	Improve the surfacing and therefore width of the Rochdale canal towpath to create a safer environment for all users - The Tour de France is coming and the towpath route alongside the TDF route is a mudbath	4/7/2014 1:19 AM
515	Discourage selfish and inconsiderate behaviour by cyclists, runners and people fishing.	4/6/2014 6:39 PM
516	Not close accesses that have been open for decades.	4/6/2014 2:51 PM
517	Restrict Cyclists numbers and ensure they have a bell to alert walkers of thier approach.	4/6/2014 8:27 AM
518	Greater education and working with other agencies- local authorities/ police/ waterways organisations/ sustrans etc to discourage anti-social behaviour	4/6/2014 7:29 AM
519	Make cyclists pay to use the tow path. Boaters and anglers pay for using the canal. If cyclists had to pay to use the tow path they might learn to respect the other users who actually pay to be there. Bigger signs in the car parks where the cyclists park their cars. They don't cycle to the tow path of use it as an alternative to the road, the drive there, with a cycle on a rack on the back of their car. This is where you need to get your message across.	4/6/2014 6:52 AM
520	sharing of tow paths does not work; runners anglers v dog walkers will never work as people are not considerate to each other nowadays	4/6/2014 5:29 AM
521	regulate bikes or better still ban them	4/6/2014 2:25 AM
522	cart should not discriminate between boaters and other users they should make sure ALL cart toilets and car parks etc have the same watermate key and promote All the waterways are for EVERYONE	4/5/2014 1:25 PM
523	see above cyclists using towpaths do not encourage use by any other group as they are often inconsiderate and do not ride with consideration to others	4/5/2014 12:49 PM
524	There should be concrete charity bins on towpaths like they do in some National Trust places so every one gets an opportunity to contribute towards it's up-keep.	4/5/2014 9:03 AM
525	get the boat hire companies to brief boat users on how to consider anglers and a code of staying in the centre chanel	4/5/2014 3:36 AM
526	Encourage localcommunity adoption.	4/4/2014 12:44 PM
527	code of conduct	4/4/2014 12:06 PM
528	Share information about each pastime to educate all that use the rivers and canals	4/4/2014 10:01 AM
529	Equal respect	4/4/2014 9:06 AM
530	Makke cyclists use bells	4/4/2014 5:28 AM

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531	Education and allowing usage to see how it works, i.e. horse riders, rather than discounting without seeing how it works. Many other organisations are alleviating fears by trialling usage by horses, understanding that if it doesn't work, then it can be stopped, as opposed to never trialling in the first place.	4/4/2014 2:42 AM
532	Improve surface of towpaths	4/4/2014 1:57 AM
533	endorse a speed limit for cycles and enforce it !!!!!!!	4/4/2014 1:53 AM
534	cycle speed limits	4/3/2014 11:28 PM
535	Better free or low cost parking next to canal entrance/exit points would help to encourage use of canals.	4/3/2014 3:26 PM
536	More education regarding the heritage of the tow path so people will respect it some boaters do not consider how delicate the tow paths really are	4/3/2014 3:24 PM
537	See my answer to point 10.	4/3/2014 12:05 PM
538	Better enforcement and action against those displaying bad behaviour	4/3/2014 12:04 PM
539	wider towpaths if possible	4/3/2014 12:02 PM
540	Enforce the current code of conduct for anglers. Dogs should be on leads at all times and all mess should be cleared up - it will make it more pleasant for everyone.	4/3/2014 11:48 AM
541	make cyclists slow down	4/3/2014 10:56 AM
542	reinforce the fact that pedestrians have priority over cyclists	4/3/2014 10:12 AM
543	Widen them.	4/3/2014 10:11 AM
544	If in doubt, Give way to the Right	4/3/2014 10:06 AM
545	Make it known that most anglers pay to be there	4/3/2014 9:03 AM
546	Enforce a cycling code to ensure te safety of other users.	4/3/2014 8:57 AM
547	Chicanes or othrr means of slowing down cyclists.	4/3/2014 8:49 AM
548	Remove anglers with poles - make canal fisdhing rod-only (and I am an angler & walker)	4/3/2014 7:59 AM
549	Keeping overgrowth trimmed.	4/3/2014 6:04 AM
550	They are shared quite well, as far as I can ascertain	4/3/2014 5:59 AM
551	Signage prompting people to be considerate - not to use the paths for racing	4/3/2014 4:45 AM
552	put obstacles in the design to slow cycles as the majority ignore pedestrians and boaters going about thier business	4/3/2014 3:31 AM
553	Designated cycle lanes and walking lanes.	4/3/2014 3:05 AM
554	encourage cyclists to be much more aware of walkers needs as well as their own	4/3/2014 2:58 AM
555	Basic surfacing of the whole network	4/3/2014 1:52 AM
556	Accept that cyclists belong with other road traffic and not with pedestrians.	4/3/2014 1:42 AM
557	Widen paths where possible	4/3/2014 1:33 AM
558	People can be invited to use the tow-path if they understand that that its primary usage is to assist with the passage of boats and that boats and their crews have priority.	4/3/2014 1:30 AM
559	Signage for bikers - riders, etc	4/3/2014 1:24 AM

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560	<p>paths on both sides of the canal, widen paths, segregate cyclists and pedestrians/fishermen. or slow lane fast lane. Mirrors under bridges to help see oncoming traffic. frequent signs reminding that it is shared cycle/footpath/riding path with a line to remind users that all activities have equal right to be there. where there is no space for segregation. Have an advisory speed limit for narrow busy sections but make the guidance bit unmistakable to discourage spontaneous umbrella walking/walking stick wielding vigilantes. No cyclist dismount signs! I happily stop and let pedestrians pass at particularly narrow sections e.g viaducts but getting off and pushing makes me use at least 1.5 times the room than stopping and staying on my bike. more if I happen to wear a late rucksack. Traffic lights for long viaducts? Some of viaducts are so narrow the trailer in with i carry my children occupies the entire tow path. One coming pedestrians just keep coming without realising or care that we are waiting for the bridge to be pedestrian free. And obviously not patient enough not to wait 5min and not follow the pedestrians 10-20m ahead of them along the 100m viaduct to allow the viaduct to clear so that we can eventually cross too. Sign suggesting one waits for all traffic going in the same direction as oneself as well as letting oncoming traffic clear if one finds that by ones arrival someone is waiting on the other side already? Make children have priority. i.e. cyclist should be responsible for avoiding unpredictable erratic children at play, rather than expecting parents to make their children stop and/or stay to one side out of their way. While i prefer cycling on the towpath as i love being near water I could be persuaded to use a motorised traffic free route if available. I'll insist on staying on the busy towpath if the alternative involves being gassed by motorised traffic.</p>	4/2/2014 4:46 PM
561	Cyclists should be encouraged to dismount when approaching pedestrians.	4/2/2014 2:27 PM
562	In areas of high use (Camden to King's Cross for instance) fine cyclists for passing pedestrians with a differential speed of more yna 2 mph. Employ wardens to control the cyclists in urban areas.	4/2/2014 2:09 PM
563	a need for cyclist's to under stand the needs of the Anlger	4/2/2014 1:28 PM
564	get people on bikes to slow down	4/2/2014 12:35 PM
565	Nil	4/2/2014 10:08 AM
566	Cooperate with local interest groups.	4/2/2014 9:23 AM
567	Speed restrictions for cyclists	4/2/2014 8:38 AM
568	towpaths are very similar to BW in the wider RoW network, you could share your good practice with rambles, BHS, CTC local authorites etc	4/2/2014 6:56 AM
569	Patrols to ensure that behaviour is up to standard	4/2/2014 5:43 AM
570	Different areas will require different approaches; engineering to slow cyclist may prove essential in urban environments where signage may be enough in areas less busy. Basic maintenance will encourage responsible use, but there will always be more that can be done - the balance needs to be struck whether it should be done.	4/2/2014 5:37 AM
571	Putting hard surfaces on towpaths encourages cyclists to speed. [I have a bike myself but will not cycle on the towpath myself]	4/2/2014 4:55 AM
572	Many angling clubs rent fishing rights on waterways by their very nature quiet enjoyment and access to the waters edge are part of these agreements. Currently the misuse of the towpaths by speeing cyclists and overstaying moored boats are causing conflict and little seems to be done about it. Also organised activities such large events involving running and walking can ruin many hours of a days fishing by the amount of noise generated.	4/2/2014 3:56 AM
573	Unless people pay for the use of the canal towpath it will continue to be used as a toilet for joe public	4/2/2014 3:24 AM
574	Encourage speed cycling somewhere else!	4/2/2014 2:23 AM
575	Better maintenance in places	4/2/2014 1:56 AM
576	Police presence/ rangers	4/2/2014 1:31 AM
577	1 prevent towpaths becoming fast cycle ways that endanger and inconvenience walkers and boaters 2 increase pressure on authorities to provide and more regularly empty dog bins	4/2/2014 1:30 AM
578	Cyclist should be compelled to slow down or dismount when approaching an angler or an angling match. Many have suffered damage to expensive poles and equipment.	4/2/2014 1:25 AM
579	Policing boats on pollution of water and towpath including hedges and fields next to towpath	4/1/2014 11:57 PM
580	alter gates along tow paths for wheelchair access	4/1/2014 10:23 PM
581	Work with experienced partners like council highway departments	4/1/2014 9:37 PM

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582	Discourage speed cycling, in conjunction with cycling groups.	4/1/2014 7:46 PM
583	Restrain the policy of making the towpath wider. Use only chippings on the wearing surface, stop using smooth tarmac. This will necessitate users being more aware of other users, have to physically make a definite manoeuvre to pass by other users and encourage the slowing down of passage so defining a slower, more intimate pace. Absolutely ban the towpath for cycle racing.	4/1/2014 7:45 PM
584	CRT staff on the towpath reminding some people of their codes	4/1/2014 3:26 PM
585	Employ local wardens to keep watch on the Towpaths and ensure problems do not arise	4/1/2014 3:02 PM
586	Speed cameras for cyclist	4/1/2014 2:32 PM
587	Impose and enforce a maximum speed limit around other users, i.e. anglers, pedestrians and boaters handling boats from the bank, of say 5mph. That is, gentle jogging speed.	4/1/2014 1:45 PM
588	Maintain them better.	4/1/2014 1:34 PM
589	Provide litter bins.	4/1/2014 1:21 PM
590	Speed limit signs for cyclists	4/1/2014 12:33 PM
591	Speed limits	4/1/2014 11:53 AM
592	Enforcement officers should take a proper role in policing all aspects of towpath use rather than concentrating on overstaying boats while speeding groups of cyclists are ignored. Most cyclists have no idea at all that there are any rules to obey	4/1/2014 10:54 AM
593	Speed limits for cycling Maintain existing infrastructure without the detriment to heritage	4/1/2014 10:51 AM
594	More rangers. Keep employed lock keepers, instead of the volunteer ones. Let lockies live in canal side homes, so they are on call like school caretakers.	4/1/2014 9:39 AM
595	Enforce better behavior from cyclist and fishermen.	4/1/2014 8:51 AM
596	Within the law, very little	4/1/2014 8:23 AM
597	stop bad mouthing ccs	4/1/2014 7:52 AM
598	Limit cycling speed in presence of other users. Limit use of personal stereos. Keeping dogs on lead, or short leads.	4/1/2014 7:38 AM
599	Dogs should be kept under observation by their owners when others are near by. When dogs run loose they create an extremely dangerous proposition for runners/cyclists coming from the other direction. Anglers also suffer as the loose dogs disrupt their equipment causing damage.	4/1/2014 7:14 AM
600	Create some rules and then ENFORCE THEM!!	4/1/2014 7:07 AM
601	Put up notices banning fishermen from lock areas	4/1/2014 7:00 AM
602	Introduce a speed limit for cyclists	4/1/2014 6:55 AM
603	its up to users	4/1/2014 6:48 AM
604	Ban angling on canals, simply because they think they own it and can do what they like when they like and stuff you or worse.	4/1/2014 6:36 AM
605	Make boat hiring companies more aware of the problems their clients are causing to other paying canal users. Contacting local canoe clubs about the friction their members are causing by their behaviour in anglers swims.	4/1/2014 6:32 AM
606	A points system for cyclists whereby they are given a warning if complained about, then either a fine or their right to use the towpath as a cyclist is revoked. HEALTH AND SAFETY IS AT RISK BECAUSE OF AGGRESSIVE COMMUTER CYCLISTS.	4/1/2014 6:30 AM
607	Where cyclists are likely to conflict with other users, use change of surface features to alert them to slow down. e.g. as on unrestored Wendover Arm at entry points, benches. I have had a close miss when I was getting off the boat to do a lock. I was looking at my landing spot and facing the lock when a fast-moving bike came from behind me as I stepped off. Remove saplings that grow hanging over path making it narrower or a face-height hazard.	4/1/2014 6:14 AM
608	Better communication with boaters. I am astounded at the hostility that my fellow boaters express towards cyclists in particular. Boaters need to be aware that the boat license fee is great value for money and covers lots of services and repair works but does not grant you exclusive access to towpaths.	4/1/2014 5:55 AM
609	More wardens with the power to stop anything untoward happening	4/1/2014 5:39 AM

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610	limit cyclists to specific stretches that are clearly marked. Towpaths were never intended to accomodate speeding cyclists who have no awareness of other users	4/1/2014 5:30 AM
611	provide officers with authority to enforce the rules	4/1/2014 5:09 AM
612	ensure towpaths are wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists and consider excluding cyclists if this is not the case	4/1/2014 5:09 AM
613	Recognise who the paying customers are	4/1/2014 4:54 AM
614	Cycling should be banned from any area that is not wide enough to share safely.	4/1/2014 4:40 AM
615	Towpaths are for boaters, anyone else using them should remember that they are there as guests.	4/1/2014 4:35 AM
616	Better signage is only any use if rules on noise, litter, dog fouling etc are actually enforced.	4/1/2014 4:28 AM
617	Do not allow shared use cycleways in city areas. Create segregated cycleways around locks - cyclists appreciate the route, boaters are not killed by a lycra muppet doing 20mph downhill. No space, no cycling, enforced with hard landscaping.	4/1/2014 3:58 AM
618	Enforce speed limits for cyclists	4/1/2014 3:56 AM
619	prevent angling at mooring points and near locks	4/1/2014 3:15 AM
620	Stop motorcyclists and have signage erected banning these people.	4/1/2014 3:15 AM
621	Again, from what i see living by the canal for the last 14 years. The biggest disturbances and confrontations are stag dos. Beer cans, litter on the towpath. I clean up each week.	4/1/2014 2:51 AM
622	Discourage speeding cyclists. They are a danger to boaters & other towpath users	4/1/2014 2:46 AM
623	Where possible either widen the towpaths or possibly add designated cycle lanes	4/1/2014 2:38 AM
624	dog bins	4/1/2014 2:05 AM
625	Ban cycling and horse riding, our local towpath is now unusable because of these activities	4/1/2014 2:02 AM
626	volunteer wardens to patrol the tow paths	4/1/2014 1:52 AM
627	Penalise unsocial behaviour	4/1/2014 1:52 AM
628	Random towpath licence checks for cyclists	4/1/2014 1:48 AM
629	Gates to slow down cyclists	4/1/2014 1:44 AM
630	boats to park 5m apart to stop the spread of fire to another boat	4/1/2014 1:27 AM
631	Better fencing and less mud	4/1/2014 1:23 AM
632	Please .. NO increased signage along the towpath. OK at access points but do not ruin the pastoral scene.	4/1/2014 1:21 AM
633	Re-introduce the cycling permit and insist on 3rd party insurance for cyclists	4/1/2014 1:02 AM
634	Education and clear guidance on what is and is not acceptable use	4/1/2014 12:54 AM
635	stop cyclists using towpath for time trials and racing	4/1/2014 12:52 AM
636	Encourage fishermen to not block the towpath with their equipment	4/1/2014 12:52 AM
637	More restrictions on angling, since the anglers block the towpath with their kit and huge poles, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass.	4/1/2014 12:49 AM
638	Install litter bins and dog mess bins at all major access points	4/1/2014 12:38 AM
639	clear more vegetation in some areas introduce penalties for unsociable acts, see my next comment When bins for waste are provided then empty them on a regular basis	4/1/2014 12:22 AM
640	ensure people do not overstay. both anglers over nighting and having bleepers going all night, and boaters over staying on limited moorings.	4/1/2014 12:19 AM
641	Regular maintenance of towpaths and removal of "trip hazards".	3/31/2014 11:35 PM
642	Have speed limit signs for cyclists	3/31/2014 11:04 PM
643	Ask dog walker to clean up there dog's mess.	3/31/2014 6:04 PM
644	Ban cycling	3/31/2014 5:56 PM
645	Grass cutting the full width of the towpath	3/31/2014 4:25 PM

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646	You can only ask and educate	3/31/2014 3:58 PM
647	Police the mountain bikers	3/31/2014 3:33 PM
648	Introduce a Towpath Code of Conduct.	3/31/2014 3:22 PM
649	Improved surfaces in some areas.	3/31/2014 3:22 PM
650	Ban cycling	3/31/2014 3:12 PM
651	Better enforcement	3/31/2014 3:09 PM
652	discourage cycling at high speed	3/31/2014 3:00 PM
653	Make anglers aware of the need to avoid fishing on lock landing areas, and also obstructing the towpath with their tackle, especially roach poles across the towpath.	3/31/2014 2:57 PM
654	encourage users to be more user friendly to respect one another's rights	3/31/2014 2:54 PM
655	1. Ban dogs 2. Introduce and enforce rules to prevent boaters from turning sections of towpath into their own personal workshops, junk yards, dog kennels etc.	3/31/2014 2:50 PM
656	Ban cycling where there is overcrowding	3/31/2014 2:50 PM
657	seating at stages to relax and enjoy, barriers to slow down cyclists, bells to warn people and dogs, it is not a race track	3/31/2014 2:45 PM
658	Introduce speed limits of 4 mph on the towpaths as well as the canals...and police them.	3/31/2014 2:44 PM
659	Cyclists should need a permit because they're hazardous	3/31/2014 2:36 PM
660	Reduce dog mess	3/31/2014 2:31 PM
661	To place high emphasis on the relaxed nature of the towpath to discourage competitive use (fast cycling, etc.)	3/31/2014 2:30 PM
662	towpaths are a flytippers joy - improve access for a better quality and quantity of rubbish in the canal.	3/31/2014 2:27 PM
663	More publicity, leaflets to make users aware of each others needs	3/31/2014 2:03 PM
664	I am at a loss. If you don't know how to behave towards fellow human beings, can you be educated? Suggest £1000 on the spot fines for dog fouling - a good earner.	3/31/2014 1:51 PM
665	Create less access	3/31/2014 1:32 PM
666	Promote shared use and encourage local pride and involvement.	3/31/2014 12:51 PM
667	Restrict anglers to specific parts of the network.	3/31/2014 12:42 PM
668	Around working locks visitors need to be made aware of the dangers. Children and Dogs. While working locks I try to get people involved SAFELY. They often enjoy helping and makes their day	3/31/2014 12:29 PM
669	Patrol them.	3/31/2014 12:13 PM
670	Cyclist, like road drivers, are always going to go to fast. I can't see any way of getting through to them as it has been going on for too long. Speed bumps or well placed deck chairs are the only way to get the message across.	3/31/2014 12:11 PM
671	Distances in miles not cycle time.	3/31/2014 12:08 PM
672	Boaters must have priority	3/31/2014 11:57 AM
673	Encourage ALL users to be aware of others and not just aware of their own needs.	3/31/2014 11:56 AM
674	Made them wider where possible and cut back vegetation.	3/31/2014 11:54 AM
675	Boats should leave sensible gaps between each other when moored up in non permanent moorings. Allowing anglers space to fish and keep tackle away from the boat users and main towpath	3/31/2014 11:51 AM
676	walking on the left signs on busy sections	3/31/2014 11:50 AM
677	Fines for: dog fouling and inconsiderate behaviour such as disregarding speed limit by cyclists.	3/31/2014 11:42 AM
678	nothing	3/31/2014 11:38 AM
679	Free access in an ideal world is fine, but whilst one of the users ie the boaters have to pay there will always be conflict.	3/31/2014 11:26 AM

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680	Having volunteers on the towpath to check valid boating licences, manage the towpath for inconsiderate anglers and speeding cyclists as well as providing information on things to do and see whilst being on the towpath	3/31/2014 11:25 AM
681	Speed limit signs at main cycle entry points. Priority for pedestrian users, indications wherever cyclists are found to not understand it respect this fact. BUT not at the expense of the already inadequate maintenance budget!!!	3/31/2014 11:21 AM
682	put speed ramps on tow path to stop the dangerous inconsiderate cyclist there are far too many they are a menace	3/31/2014 11:14 AM
683	Speed restrictions on cyclists who can often be a danger to other users	3/31/2014 11:11 AM
684	Make the tow paths safer by limiting the speed of cyclists.	3/31/2014 11:10 AM
685	Nothing faster than 4mph allowed, except joggers.	3/31/2014 11:09 AM
686	continue to work with sustrans and local authorities	3/31/2014 11:07 AM
687	restrictions making cyclists slow down or get off their bikes	3/31/2014 11:04 AM
688	From a security perspective, careful consideration should be given to making more rural parts accessible, especially where visitor (or longer term) moorings are provided	3/31/2014 11:02 AM
689	As someone once said, education, education and education - prominently.	3/31/2014 10:49 AM
690	The condition of them can be better	3/31/2014 10:45 AM
691	CRT clearly has the unenviable task of encouraging us all to live together on the towpath (i.e. life at a gentle pace). Speed is however a constant problem and to that end I believe that some form of physical restraint (barriers etc) should be considered where it is clear that "encouragement" is not working.	3/31/2014 10:43 AM
692	Look after the boaters on canals because they are large contributors to the pot. They are diminishing in numbers, they should be encouraged, not discouraged. Far better to see people on boats than a weeded up canal. This means more dredging and more removal of tree and bush growth from the sides of the canals.	3/31/2014 10:39 AM
693	Developing a simple Towpath Code, similar to the Country Code. To be available at all canal side locations.	3/31/2014 10:35 AM
694	Education - without boats there would be no canal for fishermen to fish in (they seem to think they are top of the pecking order). Likewise pedestrians who think moored boats are an infringement of their enjoyment of the canal	3/31/2014 10:32 AM
695	Make cyclist obey the rules and slow down.	3/31/2014 10:31 AM
696	ban all use apart from boats	3/31/2014 10:09 AM
697	Barriers and signs to slow bikers past moored boats.	3/31/2014 10:04 AM
698	Nothing	3/31/2014 10:04 AM
699	Perhaps liaise more with groups representing towpath users, and use their hobby magazines to spread the word.	3/31/2014 9:51 AM
700	Gates and seats	3/31/2014 9:44 AM
701	Better information about fishing competitions. When these happen, towpath use is severely restricted.	3/31/2014 9:38 AM
702	Slow down speeding cyclists	3/31/2014 9:17 AM
703	Fines for boat owners who,leave their dog unattended on the towpath	3/31/2014 9:12 AM
704	Stop concentrating on providing 'race track' surfaces that encourage lycra lout cyclists. Licence cycles for use on towpaths.	3/31/2014 9:11 AM
705	Ban cyclists altogether!!	3/31/2014 9:08 AM
706	CRT should provide better Litter & Dog Bins. CRT Staff should challenge inappropriate behavior for ALL users.	3/31/2014 9:00 AM
707	Widen them where necessary .	3/31/2014 8:44 AM
708	Organise more volunteer cleanups from groups such as anglers and canoeists, wouldnt it be great to get these groups working together to keep things in order	3/31/2014 8:32 AM
709	more emphasis on getting cyclists to slow down and dog walkers to pick up after their dogs inform fishermen that fishing off lock landings isn't okay	3/31/2014 8:16 AM

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710	Increase grants from local councils for the maintenance of towpaths as they are for leisure use.	3/31/2014 8:05 AM
711	Educating users. But should this be just down to the CRT?	3/31/2014 7:59 AM
712	Nothing, unless other organisations pay for most of improvements. Stress to government, local councils and environmentalists that the scarce resources MUST be prioritised in the maintenance and upkeep (including cutting back of offside vegetation both on the bankside and excessive reeds and weeds in the water).	3/31/2014 7:48 AM
713	For the most part I don't think the Canal & River Trust needs to do anything to encourage better sharing of towpaths. Most of the towpath network is already (in my experience) shared considerably, although obviously I also understand that there are areas particularly within cities where there are issues.	3/31/2014 7:28 AM
714	Make it impossible for cyclists to use them as race tracks.	3/31/2014 7:14 AM
715	Wider paths would help with cycling problem. Some picnic areas and seats where different users can chat and learn about each other's requirements. More bins for rubbish and dog dirt. Structures requiring cyclists to dismount every now and then but such as would not hinder wheelchairs and buggies	3/31/2014 7:03 AM
716	NO Sustrans number to be added this gives a wrong message people first always	3/31/2014 6:27 AM
717	As a dog walker who has on two occasions when approaching a local flight of locks been told in a most impolite way by one of your volunteer lock keepers to put the dog on a lead (which I always do btw) It maybe an idea that said volunteers are of a friendly nature, and not overpowering jobsworths such as the person I have had the displeasure of encountering.	3/31/2014 6:12 AM
718	put in gates or similar barriers to slow down cyclists	3/31/2014 6:07 AM
719	Restrict cycling to areas that have sufficient space to segregate vulnerable users	3/31/2014 5:43 AM
720	Boaters are advised about what speeds are appropriate on the water, cyclists should get similar advice. Maybe there should be a blanket speed limit for cyclists on the towpath (5mph?).	3/31/2014 5:36 AM
721	More signage to advise cyclists on towpath use, especially on national cycle routes where they see themselves as having priority.	3/31/2014 5:24 AM
722	Informational signs from the fishing clubs. More fishing events for youngsters.	3/31/2014 5:18 AM
723	I do not favour too many signs on canals which conflict with the environment and heritage value. More info in guides and on websites to "encourage" improved behaviour	3/31/2014 5:05 AM
724	Stop marginalising live aboards	3/31/2014 4:45 AM
725	High profile prosecution of offenders	3/31/2014 4:41 AM
726	Stop privatising sections (i.e. lea marshes). How is privatising and closing off a section of the towpath in any way "Encouraging better sharing of towpaths?"	3/31/2014 4:35 AM
727	Better maintenance of the surface and cutting back of growth on both sides so there is more space.	3/31/2014 4:19 AM
728	Targeted campaigns in conjunction with local authorities to clean up stretches of towpath that are strewn with litter and dog faeces. Has the trust any influence over the cooperation it can expect from local authorities?	3/31/2014 4:07 AM
729	Slow cycling should be encouraged. Fast cycling should be discouraged by design - signage is unlikely to work. 2 m is perhaps too wide for cycle paths. Also surfaces should be made uneven - i.e. coarse gravel or grassy surfaces, tarmac should be avoided.	3/31/2014 4:00 AM
730	Establishment of an etiquette as stated above.	3/31/2014 3:59 AM
731	Include signs to encourage cyclist to slow down as my experience with them is they can go as fast as they wish because there is nothing to say different.	3/31/2014 3:55 AM
732	This is all premised on 'sharing the towpath' as if miraculously the users and potential users will behave in a non-conflicting manner. As that approach has not succeeded in any other part of society I do not expect that any amount of communication by CRT will bring about such a result.	3/31/2014 3:46 AM
733	Volunteer towpath marshalls?	3/31/2014 3:43 AM
734	More boater facilities so that areas with facilities are not so congested	3/31/2014 3:39 AM
735	Increase use awareness, place notices in village and town newsletters and on noticeboards to promote towpath uses	3/31/2014 3:34 AM

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736	1. Ensure CRT's bye-laws are consistent with the new policy. 2. Well-publicised successful prosecutions of bad offenders.	3/31/2014 3:31 AM
737	Remind people they are on private property, Trust Property, and it be treated with the respect it deserves.	3/31/2014 3:16 AM
738	Impose a licence for cysclists using the towpath regularly. Discourage cycling groups of more than 4 bikes (i.e not a family). when they are clearly COMPETING to be as fast as possible regardles of other users of the canal.	3/31/2014 3:11 AM
739	Signage indicating speed limit for cyclists (I assume there is a designated Limit ?)	3/31/2014 3:04 AM
740	Maintain the width of the towpath. This must include managing speed limits both on the towpath and on the waterway. (Speeding bicycles can damage the surface of the path just as cars do on the roads). Speeding boats rapidly undermine the banks and this has caused narrow towpaths - the banks are falling into the canals. Perhaps hire boats could have speed 'governors' much as commercial trucks do on the roads?	3/31/2014 3:00 AM
741	Share the cost between all users, visitors' share to be bome by government	3/31/2014 2:57 AM
742	There needs to be some penalties for those not adhering what about motorbikes on towpaths often seen on the Erewash	3/31/2014 2:57 AM
743	ASK CYCLISTS TO TAKE READING LESSONS AS THEY CANNOT READ THE SIGNS ALREADY THERE!!!!	3/31/2014 2:54 AM
744	Provide alternate traffic-free routes in places where there are too many cyclists who are bent on getting somewhere. I well understand both why they are bent on getting somewhere (I used to cycle to work myself) and why they use the towpaths (because they have no other safe alternative, having been pushed off the roads)	3/31/2014 2:53 AM
745	Detailing where people can fish if they have mobility impairments	3/31/2014 2:52 AM
746	Enforce rules boots on the ground. Remember some of us pay a lot of money to be there others don't and abuse.	3/31/2014 2:48 AM
747	Police the groups of drunks who congregate by canals	3/31/2014 2:36 AM
748	Keep the paths under good maintenance, often this is just a case of cutting back foliage so the full width of the path is accessible.	3/31/2014 2:28 AM
749	Ensure "no horses" and "no dog muck" signs are present at every towpath entrance, especially those from roads. More "no litter" signs are needed.	3/31/2014 2:26 AM
750	Ensure minimum width of towpaths so that Fishermen and their equipment can be easily passed by other users	3/31/2014 2:25 AM
751	Limit cycle speeds	3/31/2014 2:25 AM
752	Registration of cyclists so that they can be identified. Speed limits. Towpath surface left rough. Bells on bicycles compulsory. Cyclists give way to all other users.	3/31/2014 2:22 AM
753	Encouraging better behaviour may require infrastructure changes - eg more gates, uncomfortable surfaces etc. There is a clear parallel with the safer streets policy which was promoted by DoT and lead to significant reductions in speed and increases in safety. Are there any useful exemplars from the Netherlands	3/31/2014 2:17 AM
754	Absolutely nothing! The towpaths should be returned to the use of boaters.	3/31/2014 2:15 AM
755	Dont want to share towpaths with speeding cyclists.	3/31/2014 2:13 AM
756	Please do not forget boat crews who may be accessing the towpath from a boat. They too can be unpredictable in their movements.	3/31/2014 2:11 AM
757	Encourage fishing on water which is not used for boating - with the most frequently used waterways being the most restricted. The current free for all restricts towpath use for everyone else and obstructs navigation - the prime use of canals.	3/31/2014 2:10 AM
758	Be more pro-active about the prohibition of motorised vehicles (e.g. motor bikes and scooters)	3/31/2014 2:05 AM
759	Some form of traffic calming to discourage speeding cyclists. They are truly a menace to other towpath users.	3/31/2014 1:59 AM
760	Stop promoting them they do widely, they are used .more poo bins, fines for people who don't use them	3/31/2014 1:58 AM
761	Try speed restrictions for cyclists i.e. no faster than a boat or walker travels, encourage good manners from all users.	3/31/2014 1:55 AM

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762	Wardens to encourage awareness of other users. More bins of all sorts that are regularly emptied.	3/31/2014 1:53 AM
763	More dog bins.	3/31/2014 1:48 AM
764	Users to take care of the towpaths, clear litter, stop dog mess etc	3/31/2014 1:42 AM
765	Teach cyclists manners - they do not rule the world.	3/31/2014 1:41 AM
766	Make the visitors pay, or send them away	3/31/2014 1:39 AM
767	Produce a "high way code" for new boaters - do not moor on the water point, do not moor on the lock approach etc etc	3/31/2014 1:38 AM
768	Cyclists are the only towpath users who want to use the facility at a higher pace than everyone else and, from my 30 years experience of using the towpaths as a walker, fisherman and boater they are the crux of most of the present day problem with towpath usage.	3/31/2014 1:33 AM
769	Make cyclist be aware that deaf people cannot hear them	3/31/2014 1:30 AM
770	Clamp down on reckless cyclists using towpaths as a raceway.	3/31/2014 12:21 AM
771	There should be more consideration and promotion of angling as at the moment I think it is more aimed towards boating and walkers.	3/30/2014 9:43 AM
772	Booklet on a code of practice on how to use the towpath would help	3/30/2014 8:55 AM
773	Have shows or regattas so to encourage visitors	3/30/2014 6:50 AM
774	Access onto towpaths should be easier for anglers cyclist	3/30/2014 3:07 AM
775	Slow down the cyclists	3/30/2014 2:54 AM
776	Better info on website	3/29/2014 3:23 PM
777	Don't support sharing with some groups of users - get priorities right. Canals primarily for boating and the boaters who provide most of finance - I pay £800 - others Nil.	3/29/2014 12:42 PM
778	See previous comments	3/29/2014 11:15 AM
779	Improve signage & communication with user groups, improve accessibility by improving towpath conditions and cutting back vegetation	3/29/2014 8:09 AM
780	speed limits for cyclists and litter bins	3/29/2014 5:02 AM
781	Specifically target the cycling community on the Towpath Code for safe cycling around pedestrians.	3/29/2014 1:59 AM
782	Permit wider access - horses	3/28/2014 3:12 PM
783	Slow down the cyclists; our dog has been run over and a neighbours cat killed by a cyclist. Somehow prevent off road motor cyclists entering the towpath!	3/28/2014 2:18 PM
784	Increased use of volunteers and rangers to police the towpath.	3/28/2014 1:26 PM
785	Better condition under foot would benefit everyone	3/28/2014 12:34 PM
786	better behaviour from cyclists. very few have bells or horns and even less use them. they seem to think they own the towpath.	3/28/2014 12:28 PM
787	Have cyclist free areas in angling club run parts as the angling clubs like the boaters pay to use these waterways.	3/28/2014 12:04 PM
788	No opinion.	3/28/2014 11:55 AM
789	speed restrictions for cyclists	3/28/2014 11:48 AM
790	Have speed limits for cyclists and horses also keeping dogs on leads on narrow parts of towpaths.	3/28/2014 11:09 AM
791	A key focus should be inner cities. It would be great to extend the usable period of the infrastructure by making it feel safer in the morning and evening.	3/28/2014 10:13 AM
792	Droitwich along some of the new part going to Marina there's no path and u av to climb metal beam to gain access to the canal on impney way	3/28/2014 10:09 AM
793	Its very difficult to educate the cyclist who's late for work that the angler or mother with a pushchair has just as much right to be there	3/28/2014 9:54 AM
794	Discourage towpaths as cycle routes for training and promote alternative routes	3/28/2014 9:45 AM

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795	Stop encouraging cyclists by tarmac all tow paths and turning them into high speed cycle tracks. Most cyclists I encounter are arrogant, oblivious of anyone or thing around them. They do not mix well with anyone else using the tow path, it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or worse.	3/28/2014 8:25 AM
796	Keep vegetation down and paths maintained to create space to accommodate all users. Keep speed to minimum and encourage courtesy!	3/28/2014 7:43 AM
797	Encourage the use for horses, even if only at walk pace	3/28/2014 6:29 AM
798	Be clear what the expected behaviours are	3/28/2014 6:17 AM
799	Close down the TV networks? Those who wish to use the towpaths are already doing so. Turning them into motorways for other users is incompatible with their present and traditional use	3/28/2014 6:09 AM
800	NO FISHING	3/28/2014 4:41 AM
801	Replace and maintain poor pathways using environmentally friendly products or recycled materials.	3/28/2014 4:41 AM
802	Apply all rules to all user groups boat owners constantly break/bend rules to suit them but the second an angler looks in the wrong direction they are jumped upon	3/28/2014 4:37 AM
803	More signs at entry points to each section of canal	3/28/2014 2:24 AM
804	Ensure they are there for the future generations to use.	3/28/2014 12:43 AM
805	Fishermen could be more polite!	3/27/2014 11:49 PM
806	Better signage about cycling on the towpath. Signage about clearing up after their dogs have fouled the waterside.	3/27/2014 1:36 PM
807	Wider paths and regular pruning of vegetation.	3/27/2014 10:53 AM
808	Take enforcement action against speeding cyclists	3/27/2014 7:30 AM
809	I would agree about widening where possible, but not to the extent of painting lines!	3/26/2014 1:43 PM
810	The construction materials used will influence user type, in areas of high conflict more than one surface type may be required.	3/26/2014 4:00 AM
811	Maintain appropriate width.	3/25/2014 9:22 AM
812	Maintain them more - some are not suitable for sharing at present. Many have difficult access points, eg steps, A frames.	3/25/2014 8:11 AM
813	If horse use and angling are permissive, so should cycling. Cyclists destroy the cinder based towpaths and rut them. A fee to help defray the maintenance costs would give them cause to assess their own reasons for using the towpath.	3/25/2014 6:29 AM
814	code of practice - a bit like the old " country code"	3/25/2014 6:26 AM
815	Visitors should be made aware that towpaths can/are dangerous and that care must be taken.	3/25/2014 12:14 AM
816	Maybe widen them on excessively used routes	3/24/2014 5:06 PM
817	More patrols of the canal towpaths in urban areas to stop fly tipping and ASB.	3/24/2014 4:04 PM
818	Keep the cycle speed down, it is very dangerous the speed they do	3/24/2014 3:41 PM
819	Better provision of dog poo bins	3/24/2014 10:36 AM
820	Slow down devices for cyclists Pedestrians have right of way	3/24/2014 10:05 AM
821	separate cyclists and other users	3/24/2014 3:22 AM
822	All users need to understand the sharing principle. For example, boat owners need to accept use by cyclists, cyclists need to understand that towpaths are not cycle lanes, special care is required because of the needs of boaters and walkers.	3/24/2014 3:21 AM
823	Reduce tow path sharing or make sure walkers cyclists and anglers pay a good proportion of the overall costs of maintaining the tow paths e.g. licenses.	3/24/2014 1:27 AM
824	No fishing matches. No long term towing path moorings. Charge for use in congested areas especially for cycling.	3/24/2014 1:23 AM
825	Enforcement of rules. Clearly display the rules at intervals along the path.	3/23/2014 5:01 PM
826	Give boater right of way for bowhauling, mooring, and having to block towpaths with ropes temporarily while pulling the boat in - especially in windy weather	3/23/2014 4:41 PM

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827	licence cyclists	3/23/2014 2:09 PM
828	You imply that they're not shared already - in Manchester I find everyone's quite considerate already. The danger is, in my experience, dog owners letting their dogs get in the way of walkers/cyclists..	3/23/2014 8:01 AM
829	To discourage cyclists from speeding. Perhaps some hard surfaces would be desirable in heavily used sections of the towpath by cyclists - eg where they pass through urban areas.	3/23/2014 4:54 AM
830	Guidance equivalent to highway code, displayed on signboards (eg cyclists ring bell on approaching pedestrians at max 10mph. No boat mooring lines across towpath, keep left, etc.	3/23/2014 2:46 AM
831	volunteer inspections and vigilance at peak times to encourage more safe family friendly use	3/22/2014 4:46 AM
832	Improve the existing towpath to a minimum standard	3/21/2014 11:44 PM
833	Listen better to boaters (on an ongoing basis, not simply in a 1-off questionnaire) as boaters are "always there".	3/21/2014 3:51 PM
834	Clearer signs banning cycling.	3/21/2014 10:22 AM
835	Give a clear message that the use of the towpath is for navigation	3/21/2014 9:49 AM
836	Widen paths as necessary. Provide stands for anglers.	3/21/2014 1:10 AM
837	monitor incident hot spots to see if problem needs sorting (cameras)	3/20/2014 12:23 AM
838	encourage in all signs and literature	3/19/2014 2:53 PM
839	Make users aware of their responsibility to others	3/19/2014 2:28 PM
840	give people brains; blitz problem areas enforce dogs on short leads	3/19/2014 2:09 PM
841	Ensure signage for cyclists to dismount and give way is maintained i.e. When damaged or missing	3/19/2014 1:51 PM
842	Education outreach to schools.	3/19/2014 11:39 AM
843	Bins for rubbish	3/19/2014 10:46 AM
844	By spreading the word - publishing information more widely. Work in close collaboration with other user groups eg Sustrans	3/19/2014 10:05 AM
845	Small humps slow down cyclists without upsetting other users	3/19/2014 10:02 AM
846	More bins for dog fouls to be collected rather than spoiling the towpath.	3/19/2014 8:54 AM
847	organised sight seeing walks	3/19/2014 8:36 AM
848	To some extent, it should be designed for how people want to use it, not for how a designer wants people to use it.	3/19/2014 7:31 AM
849	Encourage cyclists to have insurance	3/19/2014 5:35 AM
850	Boats have a speed limit and so should cyclists who use the towpath	3/19/2014 3:28 AM
851	Wider public education	3/19/2014 3:15 AM
852	Make it known to all customers, when a towpath is a bridleway, that passage along the path has priority. But no ugly signs please.	3/19/2014 1:43 AM
853	make groups of people more aware of when events are happening on the canal eg. fishing matches or canoe races.	3/18/2014 2:29 PM
854	Dont re introduce the licence permits scheme we had in the Rochdale canal area	3/18/2014 1:20 PM
855	walkers walking 2-3 abreast are just as rude as a fast cyclist however your principles do not play any importance on how a group of walkers use the towpath.	3/18/2014 12:12 PM
856	Signs indicating directions to places at entrances/exits with distance if possible.	3/18/2014 10:01 AM
857	Period presence on the towpaths	3/18/2014 9:33 AM
858	Not allow them to be party of large capacity cycle route planning. I.e. Central London Grid	3/18/2014 9:22 AM
859	Do more to overcome the belief among many that cyclists need a permit to use tow paths	3/18/2014 9:18 AM
860	Effective publicity.	3/18/2014 9:06 AM
861	Raise awareness with walkers that most cyclists aren't trying to scare anyone or go specifically fast - bikes are quiet and cycling at 8-10mph is normal, even if that 'feels' fast to a stationary pedestrian.	3/18/2014 8:29 AM

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862	Keep them in good condition plenty of space for everyone.	3/18/2014 7:21 AM
863	Ban fishing in busy stretches, fisherman seem to think they have sole use and put up tents and have large trolleys full of gear leaving little space for other users.	3/18/2014 7:06 AM
864	Work to provide clear sightlines by path layout especially at bridge holes	3/18/2014 4:10 AM
865	Signs. good signs work (see the ones at Paddington for an example)	3/18/2014 2:57 AM
866	make it a total experience not just going over the water or along the water. You can do this with art projects, trading boats like floating markets.	3/17/2014 2:05 PM
867	lobby nationally for cycle training available to all ages	3/17/2014 12:26 PM
868	enforce boaters litter control on towpaths	3/17/2014 11:08 AM
869	More dog mess bins	3/17/2014 10:42 AM
870	If needed segment users to cut down on conflicts between the different user groups	3/17/2014 9:56 AM
871	Provide and highlight areas suitable for wheelchair and pushchair access (the Cromford Canal in Derbyshire is a good example of where this has been done - this is not CRT owned though).	3/17/2014 4:22 AM
872	Advertise the benefits of use to the general public.	3/17/2014 3:55 AM
873	Try even harder to grasp all of the nettles of conflicts between categories of users of towpaths. At one extreme there are cyclists wanting to speed along the towpath as a means of transport from A to B, and at the other extreme anglers who want to spend nearly all of the time on the path without moving from their favourite spots. I have little sympathy for people in either of those categories, and would welcome stronger action to discourage them. Walking and picnicing are often - in very general terms - somewhere intermediate on the spectrum.)	3/17/2014 3:47 AM
874	Incorporate the paths into the national cycling network, give information on rest points hotellers accomodation, mooring points for both powered and non powered boats. Historic trails and plaques for walkers/cyclists. Incorporate more benches picnic tables at set points. Possibly have designated areas for anglers away from walkers and cyclists because they tend to have alot of equipment.	3/17/2014 1:29 AM
875	Strongly publish a code of conduct for all users	3/16/2014 3:00 PM
876	Quality surfacing	3/16/2014 1:35 PM
877	Publish and display a code of conduct for each category of user	3/16/2014 1:29 PM
878	Restrict cycling in areas unsuitable. Restrict fishing in areas unsuitable.	3/16/2014 11:22 AM
879	Where the width is sufficient segregate cyclists and pedestrians.	3/16/2014 11:00 AM
880	Control over speeding cyclists	3/16/2014 9:21 AM
881	I'm not sure sharing should be encouraged.	3/16/2014 9:04 AM
882	Considerate cyclists. Many paths state cyclists give way to pedestrians but they never do.	3/16/2014 12:13 AM
883	It need policing. Quite simple - I don't like to see over-regulation, but due to the disinterest of BW, and also C&RT, the system has got out of control.	3/15/2014 12:55 PM
884	encourage public involvement e.g. volunteer maintenance days, wildlife exploration events, etc.	3/15/2014 12:03 PM
885	Getting other organisations to help promote the paths	3/15/2014 11:36 AM
886	Sharing is a natural thing. Barriers of all kinds should be avoided.	3/15/2014 11:02 AM
887	Increase width of path where possible.	3/15/2014 10:49 AM
888	Don't create pinch points between users - creates unnecessary conflit	3/15/2014 9:21 AM
889	See above	3/15/2014 6:55 AM
890	Improved surfacing	3/15/2014 5:15 AM
891	Its all about creating a sharing caring environment when the less mobile get recognised priority.	3/15/2014 4:57 AM
892	Be seen from time to time to enable all users to be aware that they are being observed.	3/15/2014 4:48 AM
893	Inform anglers that they have equal, not more rights than any other towpath users.	3/15/2014 4:23 AM
894	Request cyclists dismount.	3/15/2014 3:55 AM

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895	Keep control on the number and site of access points, local house builders will want to put in local access points as a 'feature' but this will encourage sedentary blocking use.	3/15/2014 2:13 AM
896	Licenses for cyclists	3/14/2014 11:56 PM
897	make the towpaths more walkable, in some town's in winter it's just a quagmire to walk down the canal.	3/14/2014 6:46 PM
898	Educate people as to why the canals are here, without respect the public will treat as it does every thing else, fly tipping and filling canals with rubbish is already abound. The more public use the more you will have to clear up!	3/14/2014 5:05 PM
899	Recognise that there is a natural hierarchy of users, and cease trying to make it all things to all men.	3/14/2014 4:23 PM
900	It should recognise that until it can genuinely and effectively enforce its current rules and regulation, that it should not attempt to invite further users and regulations.	3/14/2014 3:17 PM
901	Consult with boat owners on their proposals to share the towpaths!	3/14/2014 2:45 PM
902	What makes you think that encouraging sharing is a good idea? I used to enjoy an occasional stroll along the towpath despite its rather scruffy state because it was peaceful and relaxing - the result of you dickheads encouraging every Tom, Dick and Harry to use it is that it's now little better than the main road!	3/14/2014 2:07 PM
903	local council or local companies paying and looking after them with the trust	3/14/2014 1:19 PM
904	Ban cyclists	3/14/2014 1:10 PM
905	As above and promote our waterway heritage. In the canal areas, ie.. schools, businesses and communities.	3/14/2014 12:44 PM
906	Encourage cyclists to be considerate; also, where mooring available there to be rings and hardcore paths	3/14/2014 12:44 PM
907	Emphasise that they are shared spaces and the needs of the most vulnerable users should come first,	3/14/2014 11:40 AM
908	Too much signage	3/14/2014 11:21 AM
909	Insist cyclists STOP and give way to pedestrians, and travel at no more than walking pace when others are on the towpath	3/14/2014 10:55 AM
910	Return to a permit system for cycling, which should be charged for	3/14/2014 10:17 AM
911	Prosecute dangerous cyclists and owners of fouling dogs	3/14/2014 10:06 AM
912	Slow the bikes down.	3/14/2014 9:58 AM
913	Until everyone else starts contributing ie cyclists, fishers etc should not concentrate on its main "stakeholders" ie boaters.	3/14/2014 9:51 AM
914	Make the towpath wider where it would benefit. Put notices up advising different categories of user to be aware, eg cyclists use bells and which side they should pass on, or dismount before passing.	3/14/2014 9:49 AM
915	Much better policing of towpaths especially in honey pot areas.	3/14/2014 9:44 AM
916	control bike speed	3/14/2014 9:38 AM
917	Sensible width restrictions to manage cycling. See Stop fishing on lock landings, lift bridge approaches. Put mooring rings at distances that support shorter boats (e.g.40') so we don't have to use pins. Don't lay a hard surface so that all traffic is slowed down.	3/14/2014 9:36 AM
918	Well, there's a lot mentioned about everyone else's than actual boaters. We are all equally important. More bins.	3/14/2014 9:35 AM
919	Proper by laws to stop dogs messing on the towpath. A 10mph speed limit for cyclists.	3/14/2014 9:28 AM
920	Where there is a problem with speeding cyclists have some form of speed calming measures.	3/14/2014 9:04 AM
921	Advertise their existence more widely.	3/14/2014 8:25 AM
922	Cycle slowing	3/14/2014 5:24 AM
923	Remove restrictive barriers to encourage greater use.	3/14/2014 4:41 AM
924	More publicity and understanding. Speak to schools and colleges.	3/14/2014 3:58 AM

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925	Policing their use but it is unlikely that resources exist to do this and volunteers understandably may not wish to get involved in this role	3/14/2014 3:27 AM
926	Aim to have lock-houses manned with staff who take an active interest in the upkeep of the locality and monitoring behaviour	3/14/2014 3:07 AM
927	Make sure pedestrians are aware cyclists are permitted.	3/14/2014 2:06 AM
928	When they cut the hedges each year make sure the discarded thorns aren't left on the towpaths causing cyclists punctures	3/14/2014 2:06 AM
929	The repair of towpaths should be a priority.	3/14/2014 1:35 AM
930	I do not think it should be encouraging cyclists to use towpaths because sharing of such a narrow space between cyclists and pedestrians detracts from the enjoyment of both types of user. Cyclists are also a nuisance to anglers.	3/13/2014 7:12 PM
931	Have everybody contribute to the cost of ownership not just boaters and anglers!! Charge bikes	3/13/2014 5:04 PM
932	see answer to 13	3/13/2014 2:52 PM
933	In my experience I've never encountered any issues with sharing towpaths (Leeds Liverpool, Lancaster & Rochdale canals are where I ride frequently).	3/13/2014 1:56 PM
934	As a boater my main beef is dog walkers leaving their shit bags everywhere and the dogs scratching the expensive paintwork on my boat (& then having to listen to the dogs told that they're a good boy)	3/13/2014 1:36 PM
935	Clear the weeds back so that paths aren't too narrow to pass each other	3/13/2014 12:57 PM
936	Install more dog bins along popular sections of towpaths.	3/13/2014 12:48 PM
937	It's mostly overcrowding that is the problem. People share perfectly well if there is enough room.	3/13/2014 12:21 PM
938	As mentioned earlier consider restrictions to certain users in key areas.	3/13/2014 12:02 PM
939	Publicity and education.	3/13/2014 11:44 AM
940	Make them wider and have better surfaces	3/13/2014 10:11 AM
941	Route plans. Community engagement. Links to other organisations with partner aspirations.	3/13/2014 9:33 AM
942	Try to stop vegetation from encroaching on the towpath width. Introduce "share with care" (or similar) signs which will instil in all parties that other users have a right to be there whilst also asking for their consideration	3/13/2014 9:06 AM
943	Maintain them as a SAFE place to be, possibly with targeted CCTV in selected locations.	3/13/2014 8:54 AM
944	More control of dogs, either by dog walkers or boat owners. In the past we could sit out on an evening and have a bbq, recent years this has not been possible due to rampant loose running dogs attacking the contents of bbqs, along with attacking boaters, and as for the dog poo that doesn't get picked up, well, what can I say, not very nice when stepping off a boat to moor and ending up treading in a pile of dog poo that hasn't been cleared up. Trading on the towpath from a boat has also become more difficult with the increase in cyclists and loose running dogs.	3/13/2014 8:51 AM
945	Appreciating boaters who are the eyes and ears of the canal, keeping towpaths safe and secure by their presence.	3/13/2014 8:35 AM
946	Speed limits for cyclists	3/13/2014 8:08 AM
947	If possible widen the towpath and indicate a cycle lane and a pedestrian lane	3/13/2014 7:58 AM
948	Share with Care is a more appropriate message than Pedestrian Priority.	3/13/2014 7:51 AM
949	who will enforce any changes	3/13/2014 7:46 AM
950	Surface improvement where needed.	3/13/2014 7:43 AM
951	Reduction in cycling speeds, Fining some boaters who leave rubbish	3/13/2014 7:20 AM
952	More litter bins. Emptying of existing bins in London. Understand the needs of the PRIMARY LICENCE FEE PAYING BOATERS. Pursue enforcement on fly-tippers and speeding cyclists. Create more moorings on desolate areas of London's canals. Boats make people feel safer on the towpath.	3/13/2014 7:05 AM
953	Discreet signage on wooden posts (e.g. the "no fishing" posts). Signpost alternative routes on brideways, quiet lanes etc. in conjunction with Sustrans.	3/13/2014 7:05 AM
954	Provide bins for clearance of dog poo	3/13/2014 7:04 AM

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955	Get dog waste bins fitted instead of being taken away as at Norbury junction	3/13/2014 7:00 AM
956	better signage to remind cyclists of the correct way to use the the towpath, such as when to dismount	3/13/2014 6:59 AM
957	Measures to get all users at similar speeds	3/13/2014 6:49 AM
958	Provide adequate dog bins (and someone to empty them!)	3/13/2014 6:47 AM
959	more cooperation with local authorities	3/13/2014 6:40 AM
960	Ensure that banks are stable and mooring-friendly. Try to establish minimum flat breadths of path. Educate users regarding the needs of others	3/13/2014 6:36 AM
961	Make cyclists more aware! !!!	3/13/2014 6:36 AM
962	Make these things happen and police it in a more effective way, especially time based visitor moorings. Get the overstayers moved!	3/13/2014 6:21 AM
963	Signage eg around locks and visitor moorings please keep clear. Education of cyclists who can be a menace to other cyclists, pedestrians and boaters.	3/13/2014 6:20 AM
964	How do you stop people being selfish, and not behaving in an appropriate manner?	3/13/2014 6:03 AM
965	Nothing can be done unless anglers and cyclists agree others have a right to use the towpath	3/13/2014 5:57 AM
966	Educate people that the towpaths are for leisure activities, they aren't a commuter race track	3/13/2014 5:13 AM
967	Maximum speeds, enforced with substantial fines	3/13/2014 4:38 AM
968	Slow cyclists down.	3/13/2014 3:35 AM
969	Removing some outdated signs stating 'no cycling' as I've had problems with people telling me that I'm not allowed to cycle along the towpaths	3/13/2014 2:50 AM
970	Make all towpaths cycle routes by default	3/12/2014 3:45 PM
971	Ban anglers and other cruel sports Widen the towpaths Remove discriminatory barriers	3/12/2014 3:18 PM
972	Possibly some guidance on signs or noticeboards stating what is expected of all those using the towpaths. Specifying the need for cyclists to use the bells to let people know they are there; highlighting the needs for anglers to move their rods etc from across paths when people are walking past; reminding (groups of) walkers not to spread across the entire towpath.	3/12/2014 1:14 PM
973	Consider residents who live on the towpath	3/12/2014 10:07 AM
974	I do fear that whatever Canal & River Trust do, there will always be the serial offender who will not change their behaviour, as in life generally	3/12/2014 9:36 AM
975	Dedicated fishing areas so they don't block the towpath	3/12/2014 5:01 AM
976	Encouraging local action groups	3/12/2014 4:12 AM
977	improve the surfaces	3/12/2014 3:51 AM
978	Speed limit for cyclists	3/12/2014 3:18 AM
979	place barriers before bridges, tunnels and underpasses to encourage cyclists to dismount rather than rush headlong into blind comers and/or unlit spaces.	3/11/2014 5:52 PM
980	Maximum speed limit for bikes	3/11/2014 12:14 PM
981	Getting bikes to slow down	3/11/2014 12:06 PM
982	Enforce byelaws regarding cycling	3/11/2014 10:11 AM
983	Clear statement of priorities of users	3/11/2014 9:52 AM
984	Towpath patrols from existing members of staff and volunteers at trouble points during busy periods to show that the guidance is enforced. this should continue long enough to show that the policy means business and all regular users are aware of it.	3/11/2014 9:30 AM
985	Expand share the space campaign outside of London	3/11/2014 7:15 AM
986	Please respect other users notices and give way to quicker users signs	3/11/2014 5:58 AM
987	gentle reminders that its a shared space - signage? as far as possible get paths up to wheelchair user standard, as this will benefit everyone and ensure space to pass.	3/11/2014 5:24 AM
988	you could set up a Twitter account for each towpath where users can tweet their experiences good or bad?	3/11/2014 5:11 AM

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989	The National Trust has wardens in its car parks. Perhaps CaRT wardens to provide courses for schoolkids?	3/10/2014 12:53 PM
990	More signage dog waste containers	3/10/2014 12:13 PM
991	Improvements to towpaths are often counter productive. For example concreting over the towpath means that boats cannot moor and are forced to bunch up at places where it is physically possible to moor. Or a quiet walking route has been made into a speed cycleway. The message that towpaths are part of a working navigation and other users should give way to manoeuvring or mooring boats should be a priority.	3/10/2014 10:28 AM
992	Enforcement of cycle and fishing licences.	3/10/2014 7:50 AM
993	Have a minimum standard for towpaths. The River Stort has excellent and appalling along its short length.	3/10/2014 6:52 AM
994	Publish a code of conduct for different users?	3/10/2014 6:28 AM
995	Police them. Report drug/alcohol abusing vagrants to the authorities, and I don't just mean those on the long skinny boats either!	3/10/2014 5:57 AM
996	Stop taking money from agencies which will demand useage in contravention of the the traditional use of towpaths	3/10/2014 5:26 AM
997	Some cafes would go down nicely. Benches for elderly folk to rest on. When trimming hedges, don't leave the mess everywhere. I wish I could charge you for all the punctures I have had as a result of thorns being left lying all over the towpath. Worst one was 23 punctures between 2 bikes, in approx 10 yards. Unacceptable.	3/10/2014 4:50 AM
998	A tamac surface would encourage more people to run and cycle rather than cinder or aggregate.	3/10/2014 4:07 AM
999	Wider towpaths	3/10/2014 3:51 AM
1000	More promotion to the general public.	3/9/2014 6:51 PM
1001	Sort out the cyclists - they're really the only ones going faster than a walking pace and they're the ones causing problems	3/9/2014 3:01 PM
1002	Communicate more effectively with cyclists	3/9/2014 12:58 PM
1003	Educate cyclists and take action against those that break rules and speed limits	3/9/2014 9:24 AM
1004	restrict cycling in all areas. fulfil commitments to cleanliness and hygiene re providing and actually emptying dog poo and other waste facilities.	3/9/2014 8:51 AM
1005	There's enough sharing already. Charge the cyclists after all you rob the boats with the price of a licence.	3/9/2014 7:13 AM
1006	Better signage at key points - i.e. to anglers "Please be aware that boats may need to moor and be prepared to move" - to cyclists "Please slow down" - to boaters (i.e. under mooring regulation signs) "share the space" - etc.	3/8/2014 3:07 PM
1007	Enforcement of cyclists at rush hour periods	3/8/2014 12:38 PM
1008	Do not encourage commuter cyclists.	3/8/2014 12:34 PM
1009	Regarding cycling, the Trust needs to engage the wider cycling community and National Standards Practitioners in order to identify better solutions for sharing the space with less conflict.	3/8/2014 11:49 AM
1010	Disabled people have difficulty with the tow path	3/8/2014 8:35 AM
1011	Provide more bins for rubbish and bins for dog poo for the extra footfall	3/8/2014 7:45 AM
1012	Anglers need to be kept well clear of lock landings and away from visitor moorings	3/8/2014 2:03 AM
1013	C&RT canal personal should be trained to talk and discuss with any and everyone, on a daily basis, by demonstration, who one should behave towards one's neighbour. NOT the usual "Traffic Warden" mentality. This is abhorrent on the canals and should be no part of the rural setting	3/7/2014 1:31 PM
1014	Promote your slogan of sharing place and dropping pace beyond London	3/7/2014 11:49 AM
1015	As stated above, an official presence will be required to monitor users' behaviour, and to reassure the vulnerable - canals can be lonely places if one feels threatened.	3/7/2014 11:21 AM
1016	Discourage bad behaviour and vandalism. Better policing by not allowing the bad elements of society to use the canals as their hiding places	3/7/2014 10:35 AM

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1017	give clear priority on Visitor moorings to boaters rather than Anglers,	3/7/2014 9:54 AM
1018	More obstacles to stop motorcyclists	3/7/2014 9:00 AM
1019	Advance publicity on plans to improve them.	3/7/2014 8:33 AM
1020	Distinctive signposting for different groups clearly establishing what behaviours are expected in any given area. This signposting could be designed with a heritage aspect in mind.	3/7/2014 6:53 AM
1021	Courtesy signs, i.e. asking people to respect other users	3/7/2014 4:39 AM
1022	Work with partners to increase "considerate behaviour" from an early age e.g. working with the Bike It campaign etc.	3/7/2014 4:21 AM
1023	More dog waste bins, random policing / inspection or CRT presence on external events to ensure other users are considered in events. sweep off central towpath after hedge cutting to remove thorns.	3/7/2014 12:41 AM
1024	Enforcement powers against cyclists and dog-owners who allow fouling.	3/6/2014 2:56 PM
1025	Discourage speed cycling. Enforce a speed limit. Ban offenders	3/6/2014 2:45 PM
1026	Improve them where needed. Not just in built up areas but especially in rural areas	3/6/2014 2:22 PM
1027	enforcing fines on Dog owners that do not clean-up	3/6/2014 12:03 PM
1028	POLICE THEM	3/6/2014 11:26 AM
1029	Stop speeding cyclists.	3/6/2014 11:05 AM
1030	I really fail to see why you need to, what is the benefit of these users? But otherwise get a 'sharing the towpath' taskforce to monitor and manage. Just ask some boaters if you can sit on the back of their boats and see how people are using your towpaths.	3/6/2014 10:10 AM