

Meet the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

PCAS formed in 1969 with the vision of restoring the derelict Pocklington Canal for use by boats and an amenity for all to enjoy. This local charity is run entirely by volunteers who continue to drive the restoration of the Pocklington Canal. PCAS work in partnership with the Canal & River Trust, who own and manage the canal.

The PCAS Working Party have been meeting regularly since 1969, and today continue the restoration work of the founding volunteers whose efforts which saw half of the canal reopened to boats by 1987.

Recently the PCAS Working Party have concentrated on the restoration of Thornton Lock and Walbut Lock which, aided by dredging carried out by the Canal & River Trust, has made another two miles of canal usable after an absence of boats for 100 years. The next challenge is the restoration of the most derelict structure on the canal, Sandhill Lock.

Volunteers crew the *New Horizons* tripboat on Sundays and Bank Holiday afternoons between Easter and October. The steel hull of a narrowboat was donated to PCAS and it took many hours of effort to build the boat for its first use in 2004.

Volunteers have been manning the small Information Centre at Canal Head on Sunday afternoons, again between Easter and October, for many years. This offers visitors an opportunity to find out more about the canal. Volunteers also attend events with a merchandise stall to raise funds for PCAS.

You can support PCAS by becoming a member or donating to the Sandhill Lock Restoration Appeal. Find out more at pocklingtoncanalsociety.org.



PCAS Working Party at Church Bridge in 1970. Sheila Nix MBE



PCAS patron Lord Halifax launching Coates Lock appeal (current PCAS Chair Paul Waddington holding board) in March 1995. Sheila Nix MBE



The PCAS Working Party at Walbut Lock in 2018. Tim Charlson



The *New Horizons* tripboat leaving Melbourne Arm Moorings.