

# Meet the Canal & River Trust

Pocklington Canal is owned by the Canal & River Trust, a charity which looks after 2,000 miles of waterways across England and Wales. The Trust's vision is to create living waterways which transform places and enrich the lives of the people who use them.



The day to day management of the Pocklington Canal is carried out by the Customer Operations Team that sits within the Yorkshire & North-East Regional Team. The bankside staff carry out regular checks of water levels, whilst Length Inspectors carry out quarterly surveys to monitor the condition of the towpath and locks, bridges and other structures. The Operations Supervisor regular liaises with the PCAS Working Group Leader to share out routine maintenance of the canal.

Larger scale restoration projects involve the Trust's Heritage Advisor, who is responsible for ensuring that work on the four Grade II Listed road bridges and nine Grade II Listed locks complies with statutory regulations.

Habitat enhancement works, including the recent dredging, typically rely on external funding awards such as the Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The Trust has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Natural England regarding works on Sites of Special Scientific Interests (SSSI). All environmental works on the three SSSIs along the Pocklington Canal are scoped and approved by both the Trust's Ecology Team and granted consent by Natural England's Senior Land Advisor.

## Pocklington Canal Liaison Group

This group brings together all the parties involved in the canal's management. The group has been meeting quarterly since 1999, and consists of: Canal & River Trust, Pocklington Canal Amenity Society, Natural England, Environment Agency, East & North Yorkshire Waterways Partnership, Historic England, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the York & District Amalgamation of Anglers. The group work towards a shared vision to 'manage the canal in a way that protects its unique historical and wildlife interest whilst allowing the public to continue to enjoy the canal'.



Trust Ecologist and Chief Executive, with Natural England Chief Executive and Land Advisor following the signing of the MoU on SSSI works.



Trust contractors Land & Water dredging below Top-Lock in November 2017, made possible through Heritage Lottery Fund support.



The Trust's Customer Operations Team installed new lock gates at Thornton Lock in summer 2017