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# Desmond Family Canoe Trail

LIVING WATERWAYS  
TRANSFORM PLACES  
ENRICH LIVES

# A Coast to Coast Canoe Trail

- The 1<sup>st</sup> English Coast to Coast Canoe Trail
- Using the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and Aire & Calder Navigation
- 150 miles long
- Supporting increased employment opportunities & well-being of young people (15 – 25)
- Exploring and connecting the canal, its cities, towns & rural areas and communities.

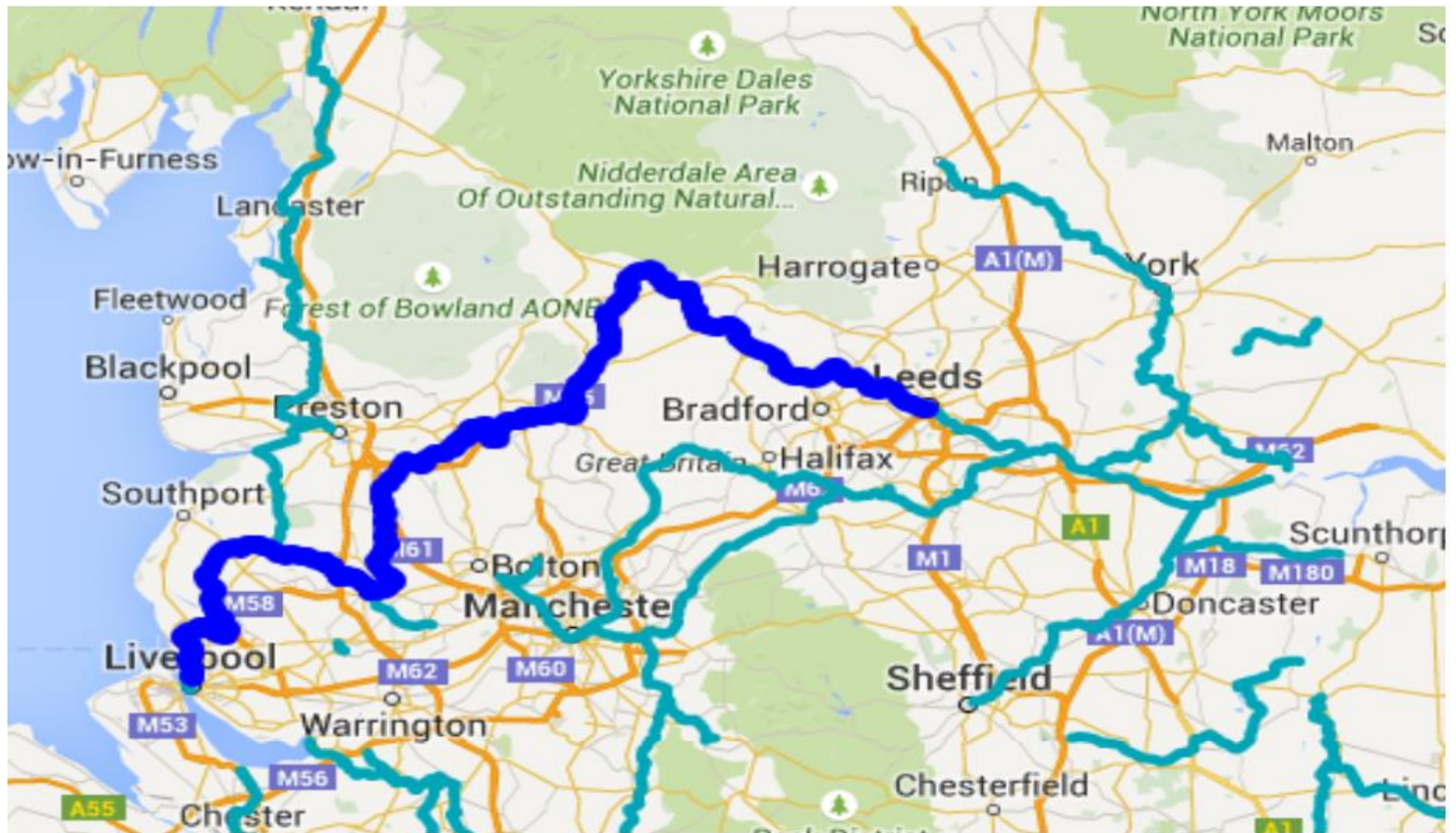
# The Team

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- Greg Brookes
- Coast to Coast Programme Manager
- Canoeist
- Youth Worker
- Outdoor Education Professional
- Andrew Blackburn
- Coast to Coast Project Leader
- Expedition Leader
- Youth Leader
- Active holidays

# The Route

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# Desmond Family Canoe Trail

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# Bootle Hub Launch

## 27<sup>th</sup> July

The first Hub launch in Bootle.

The hub will provide a location for the Canoe Action Squad to meet and deliver a range of activities to meet the needs of local young people and the community.

A range of activities will be on offer for the whole community including,

- Canoe Taster session
- Introduction to Angling
- Heritage & Ecology walks
- Canal Boat Trips

# Future trail development

- 2016 will see the second hub at Burscough launched.
- Canoe trails will be created & launched.
- Trail guides & maps will be created to support the trail.
- Young people will start work on a Smartphone app to support the trail.
- Young people will deliver a programme of workshops to promote the trail in schools, colleges, youth clubs and community centres.
- A 'trailblazer' event will be arranged to support the completion of phase 1 and the start of phase 2.

# What are the Outcomes?

Improved Well Being – Physical & Mental

Develop new skills and experiences – Enhance their CV & Employability

Create a Hub – Have a new place to go & create things to do

Friendships - Make new friends and learn about themselves

Chance to shape, change and improve their local community & environment

Provide a wide range of activities for themselves, their friends and the community.

Promote safe, accessible and welcoming canals and towpaths.

Recognition and rewards for their effort – DofE, volunteer awards.

Pride – That they have created something positive for their friends & community to enjoy and use.

# Super Slow Way

**1 programme**

**2 million pounds**

**3 years**

**4 local authorities**

# Super Slow Way

Why C&RT ?

Management

Establishment



# Super Slow Way





# Super Slow Way

ACE's Creative  
People and Places  
Programme

Exemplar socially  
engaged arts ,  
reflecting the rich  
cultural diversity of  
Pennine Lancashire



# Super Slow Way

- More creative, more culturally engaged population
- More innovative and resilient art sector
- More cohesive Pennine Lancashire

# Super Slow Way

Super High Way, Super Wet Way,  
Super Low Way, Super Slow Way

Ian Mc Millan, 2012

# Super Highway





# Super Slow Way



# Information Super Highway



# Super Slow Way

## Themes

- Manufacture
- Environment
- Digital



# Super Slow Way

## Focus

- Commissions
- Community
- Canal







# Idle Women 2015/2016





# Super Slow Way Symphony

## 16.10.16



# Suzanne Lacy, Shape Note, 2016/17





# Rafael Lozano-Hemmer 2016/2017





# Textile Art Biennial 2017





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# CANALS IN LEIGH OUR NEW OPPORTUNITY

PETER ROWLINSON  
CANAL & RIVER TRUST  
NORTH WEST PARTNERSHIP

# CONTEXT

- ▶ LEIGH HAS TWO CANALS
- ▶ BOTH RUN THROUGH CENTRE OF TOWN
- ▶ SOME LIMITED PAST INVESTMENT
- ▶ RECOGNITION OF VALUE OF CANALS
- ▶ LOCAL PARTNERSHIP APPROACH
- ▶ NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY ANDY BURNHAM MP

# WATERSIDE INN





# CANAL TOWPATH IMPROVEMENTS





# OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL



# BICKERSHAW COLLIERY



STREET SCENE 4 - MARINA



STREET SCENE 4 cont. - MARINA



STREET SCENE 5 - VILLAGE GREEN



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**Taylor  
Wimpey**

Baldwin Design  
Consultancy Design  
Review Ltd

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Project Title:  
Residential Redevelopment  
Address:  
Land off Plank Lane,  
Bickershaw,  
Leigh  
Drawing:  
Proposed Street Scenes 2



# BICKERSHAW COLLIERY

Ltd

Consultancy

Design

Baldwin

**Taylor  
Wimpey**

## KEY

- 1** Community Centre / Residential
- 2** Public House / Restaurant
- 3** Local Convenience Retail Store / Residential
- 4** Marina
- 5** Offices / Residential
- 6** Village Green
- 7** Swales



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# CURRENT ACTIVITY IN LEIGH

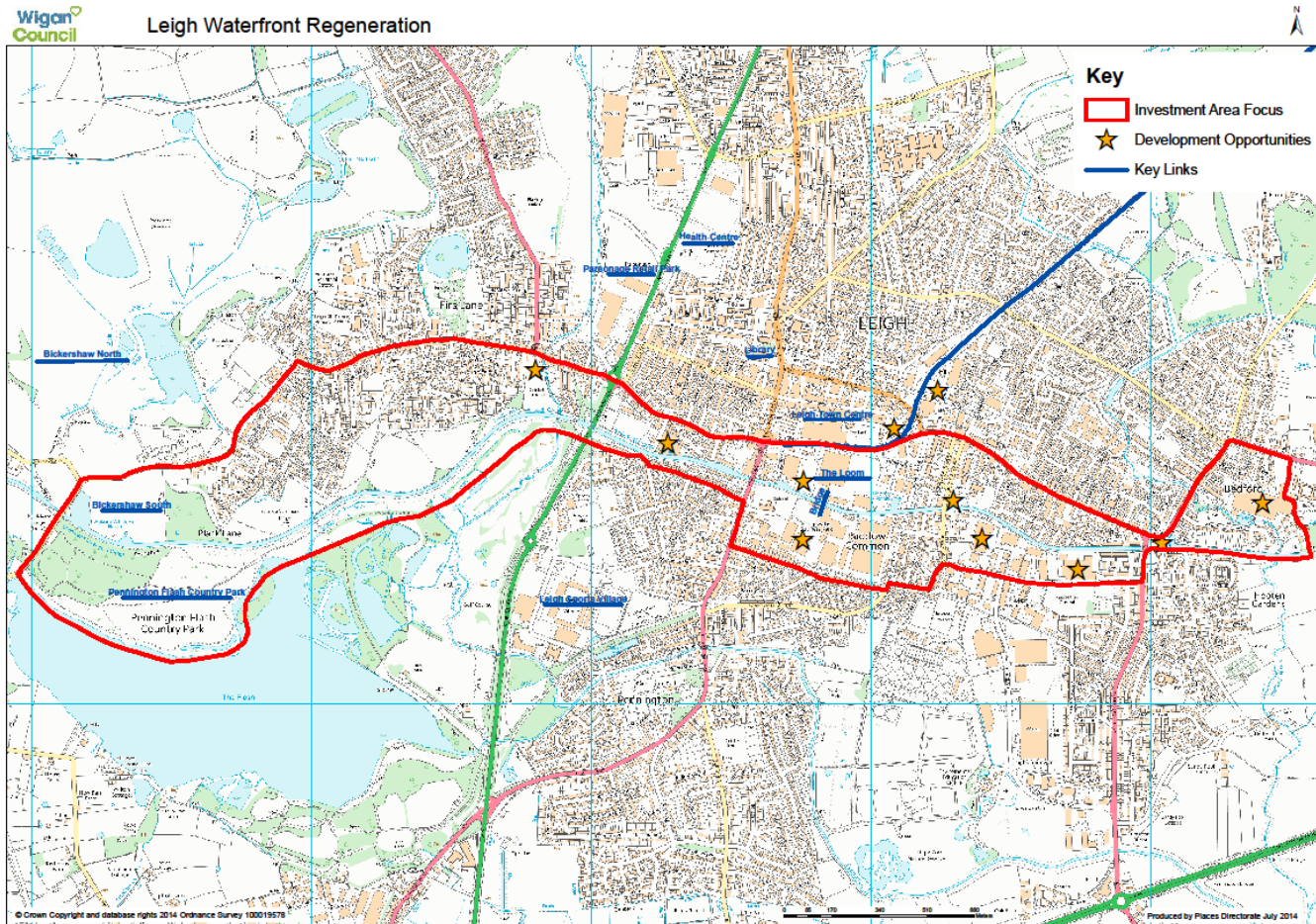
- ▶ GUIDED BUSWAY
- ▶ BICKERSHAW COLLIERY
- ▶ PARSONAGE
- ▶ GREENHEART
- ▶ NEW HOUSING
- ▶ NORTHLEIGH PARK
- ▶ 5 BOROUGH'S TRUST SHELTERED SCHEME

# NEW INITIATIVES

- ▶ TURNPIKE GALLERY/ THEATRE
- ▶ BRIDGEWATER BUSINESS PARK
- ▶ TWIST LANE/ BICKERSHAW
- ▶ HS2
- ▶ LOCAL RAIL CONNECTIONS
- ▶ LEIGH CANAL INVESTMENT ZONE



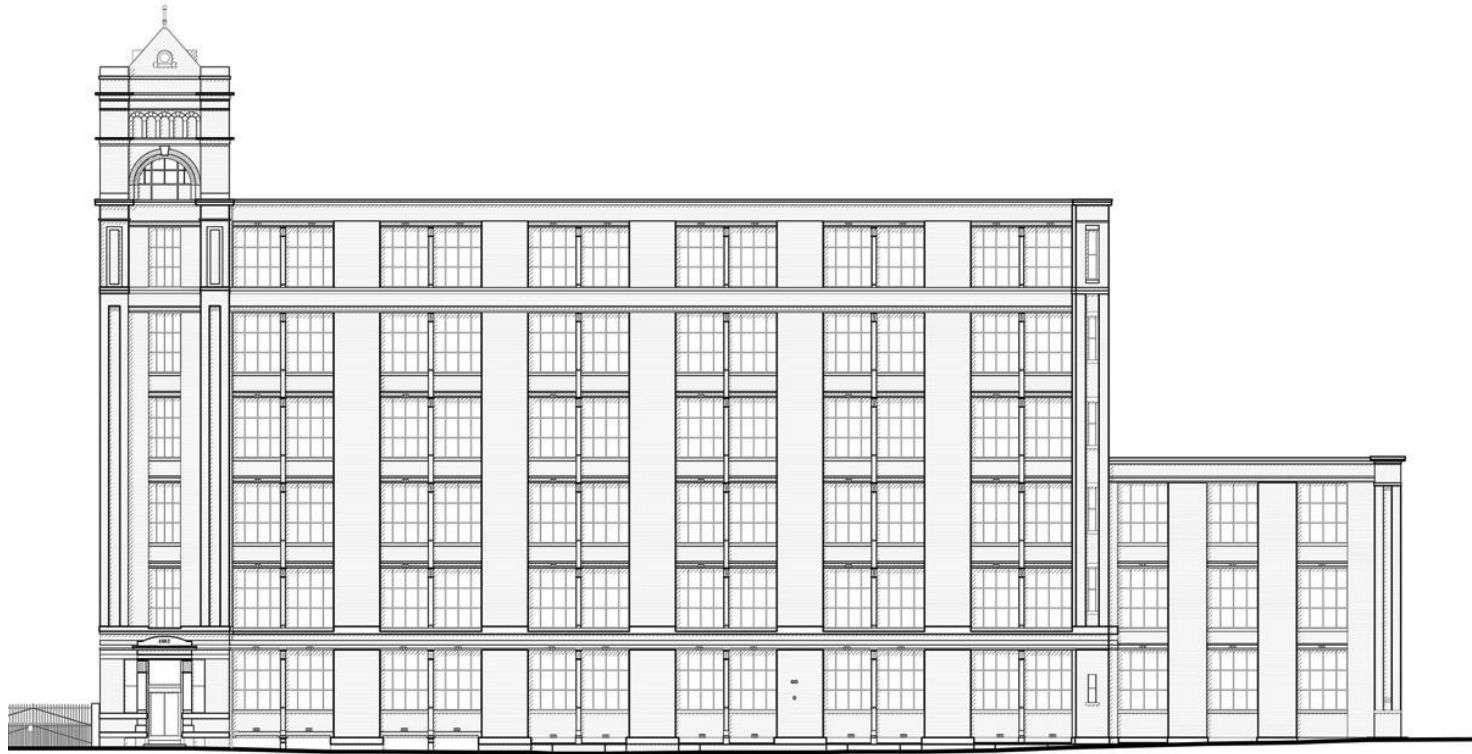
# LEIGH CANAL REGENERATION



# MATHER LANE MILL



# PROPOSED SCHEME





# BUTTS MILL

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# BRIDGEWATER BUSINESS PARK







# GROUNDWORK

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# LEIGH SPINNERS







# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ CONSULT ON EMERGING PLANS
- ▶ EARLY ACTION PROJECTS
- ▶ FORM STEERING GROUP
- ▶ LEIGH CANAL FESTIVAL
- ▶ MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

A photograph of two white swans swimming on a calm body of water. The swans are in the center of the frame, with their reflections clearly visible in the still water. The background features a shoreline with trees and bushes displaying autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and green. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

# Caring and conservation

Chantelle Seaborn, Waterway Manager































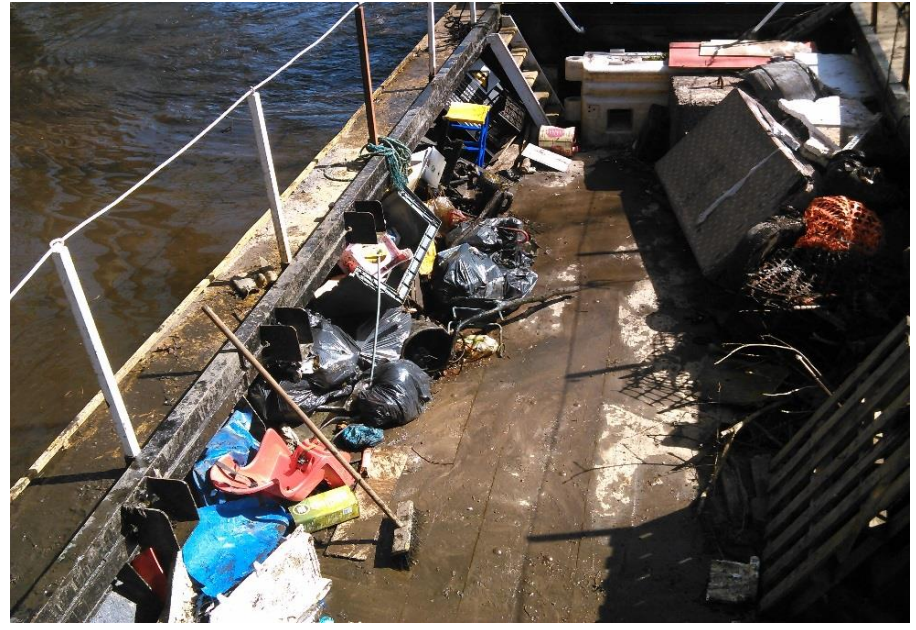


























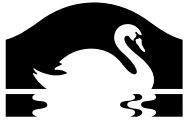












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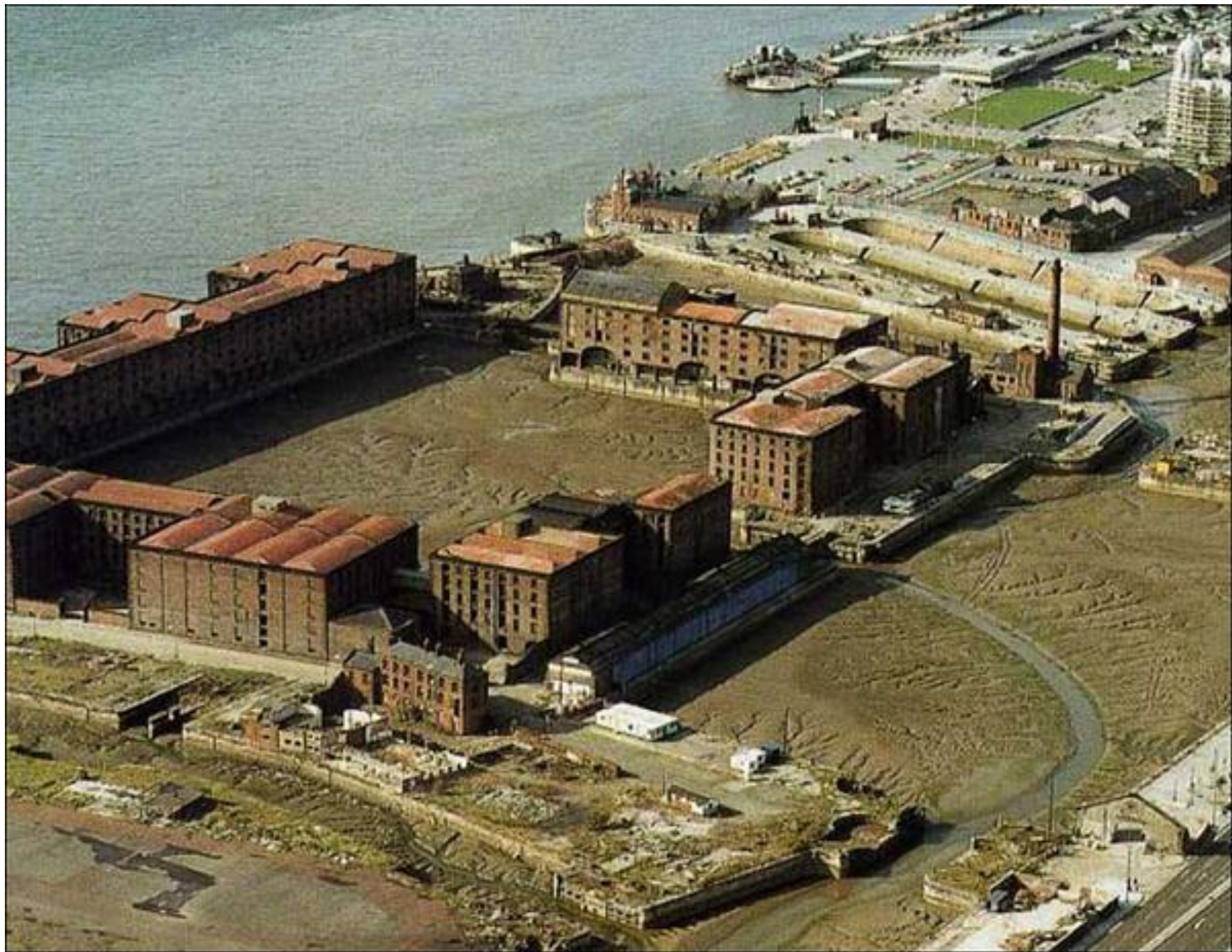
Keeping people, nature & history connected

# The Canal & River Trust

**Bob Pointing**

**Partnership Chair**

**North West Waterways**



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# Canning Dock

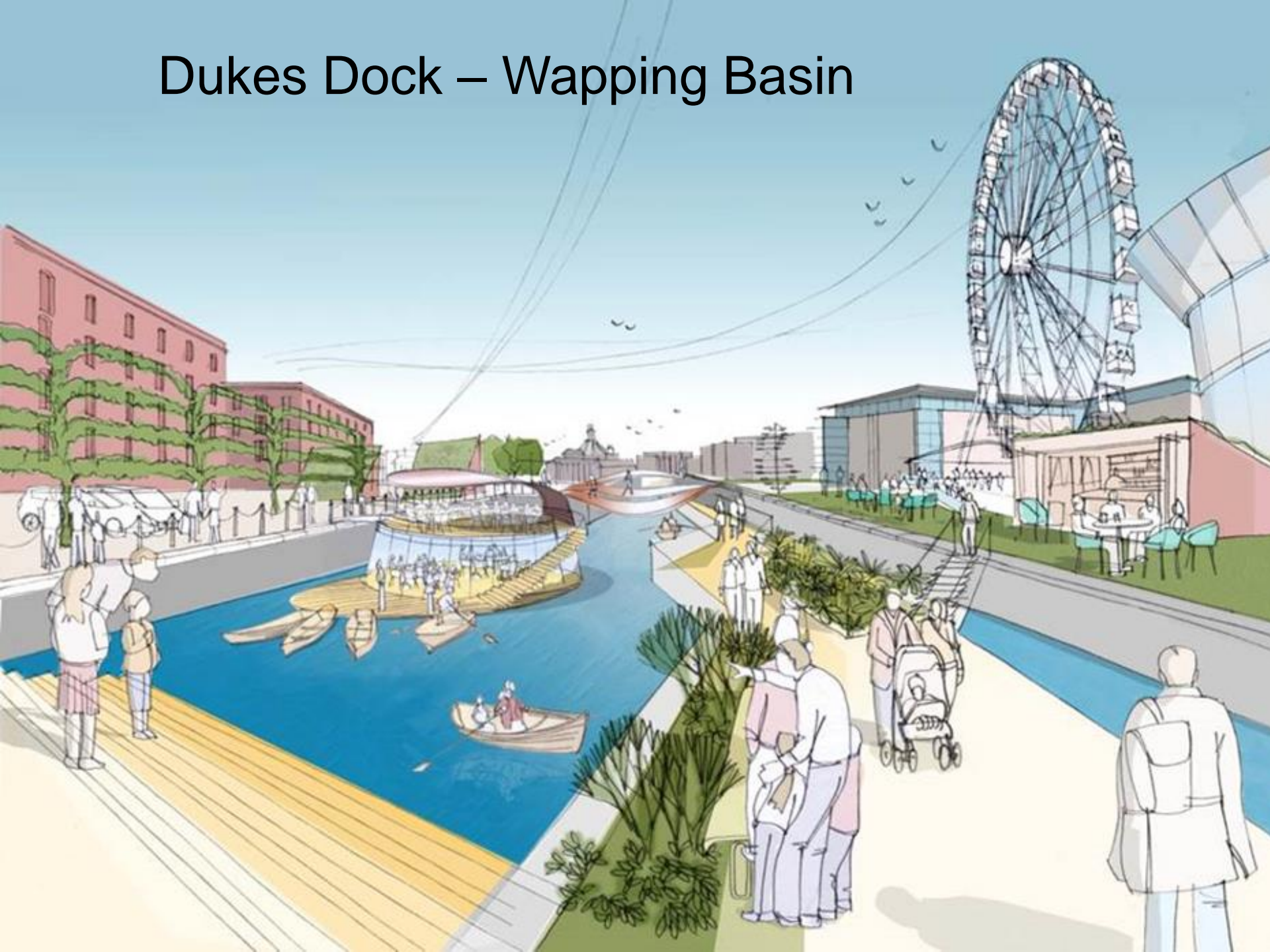


# Salthouse Dock



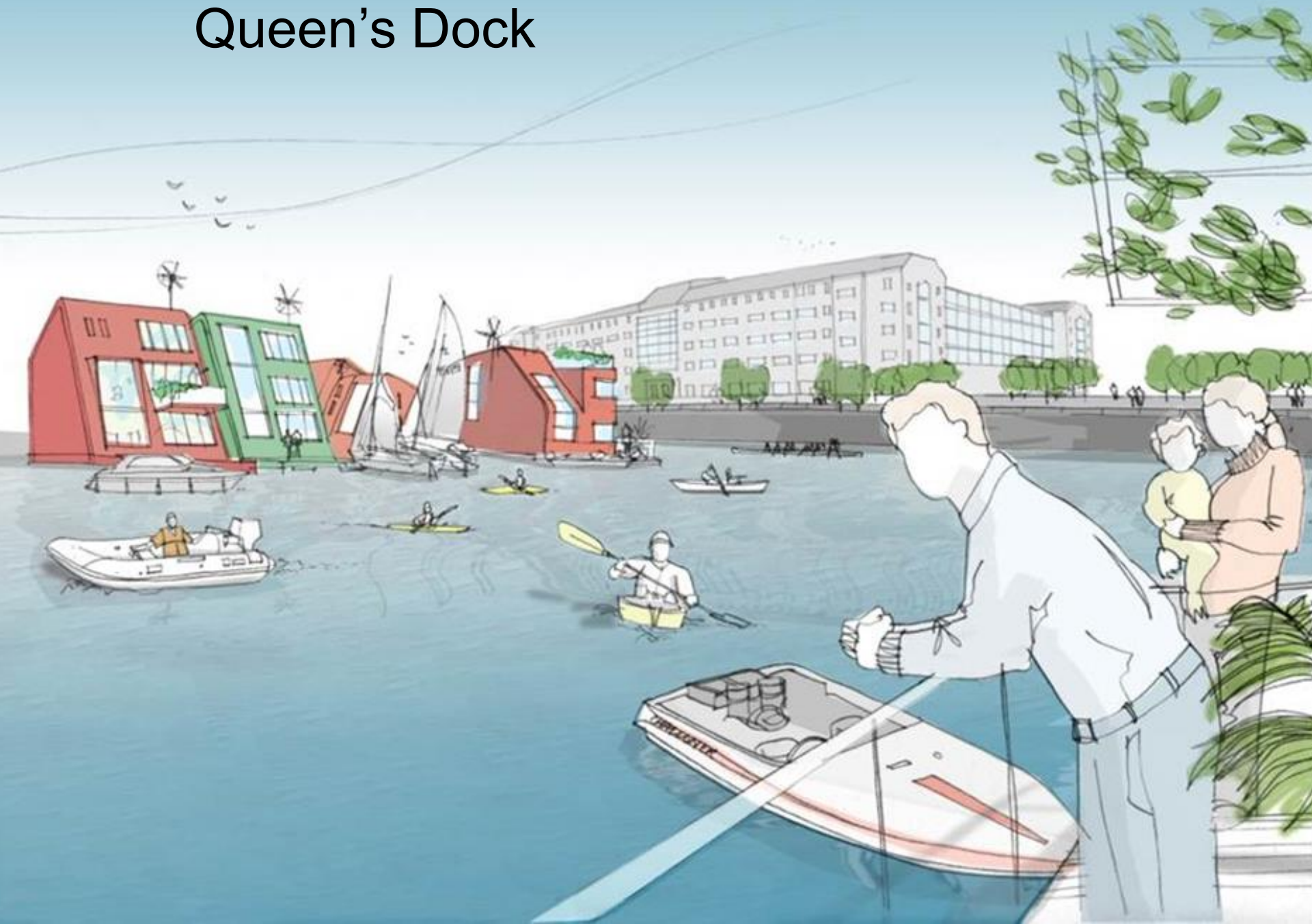


# Dukes Dock – Wapping Basin

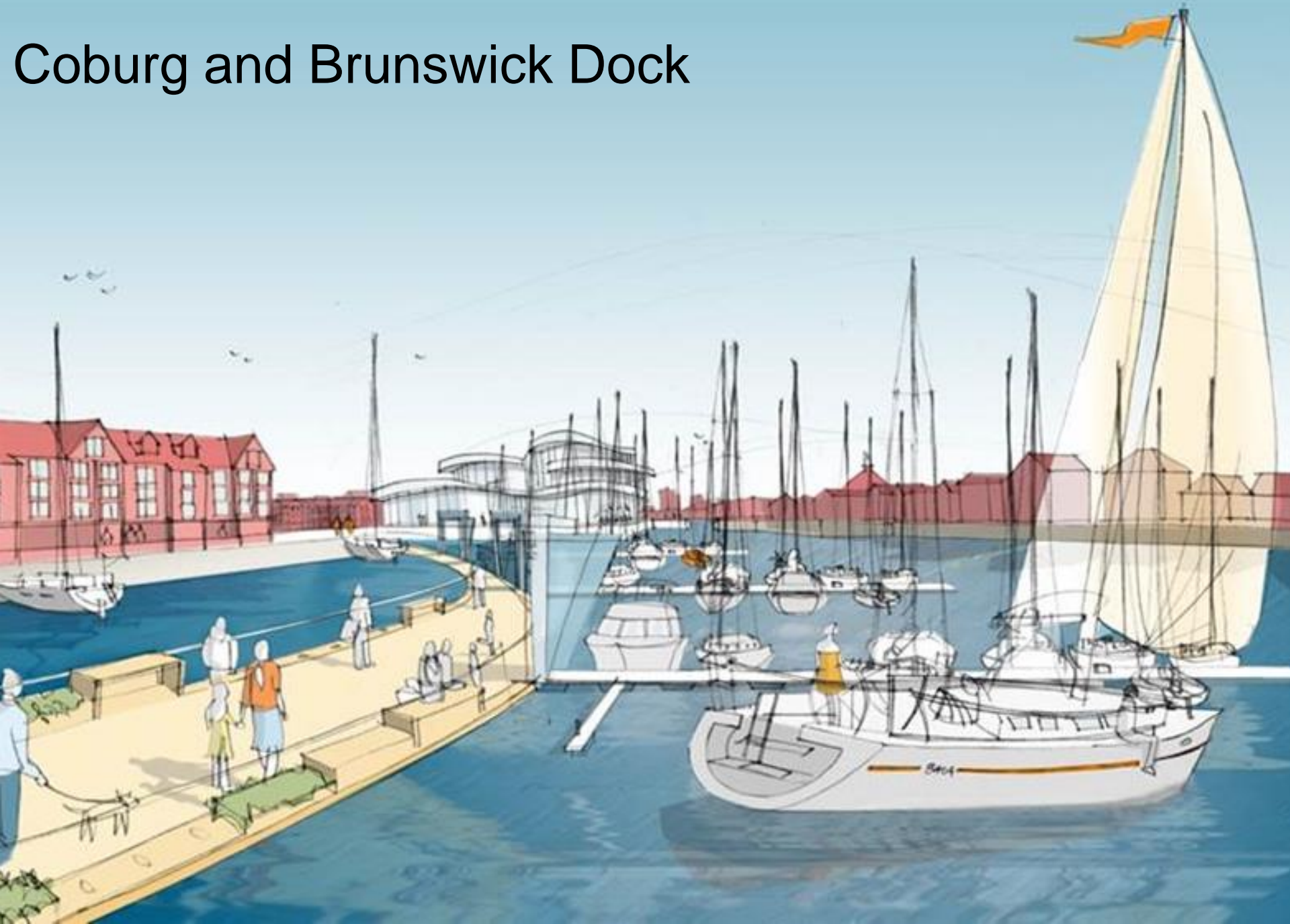




# Queen's Dock



# Coburg and Brunswick Dock











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# **North West Waterways**

## **Canal & River Trust : Our Progress**

**Richard Parry**  
**Chief Executive**  
**23 July 2015**





# Canal & River Trust

The Canal & River Trust was formed in July 2012:  
to protect, manage and improve the nation's  
canals and river navigations for the millions of  
people who enjoy them



**we care for  
2,000 miles**



# Canal & River Trust

### Map Key

Canal & River Trust waterways

— Non-Trust waterways

a national trust  
for the waterways

# We care for...



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- As well as 2,000 miles of canals and river navigations, we manage docks, reservoirs, 'barrages' etc in England/ Wales
- Over 2,700 listed structures – more than anyone bar the National Trust and Church of England
- 63 SSSIs and c.1,000 wildlife conservation sites
- More than 1,500 locks, 3,000 bridges + aqueducts, cuttings, embankments, culverts, tunnels etc ...

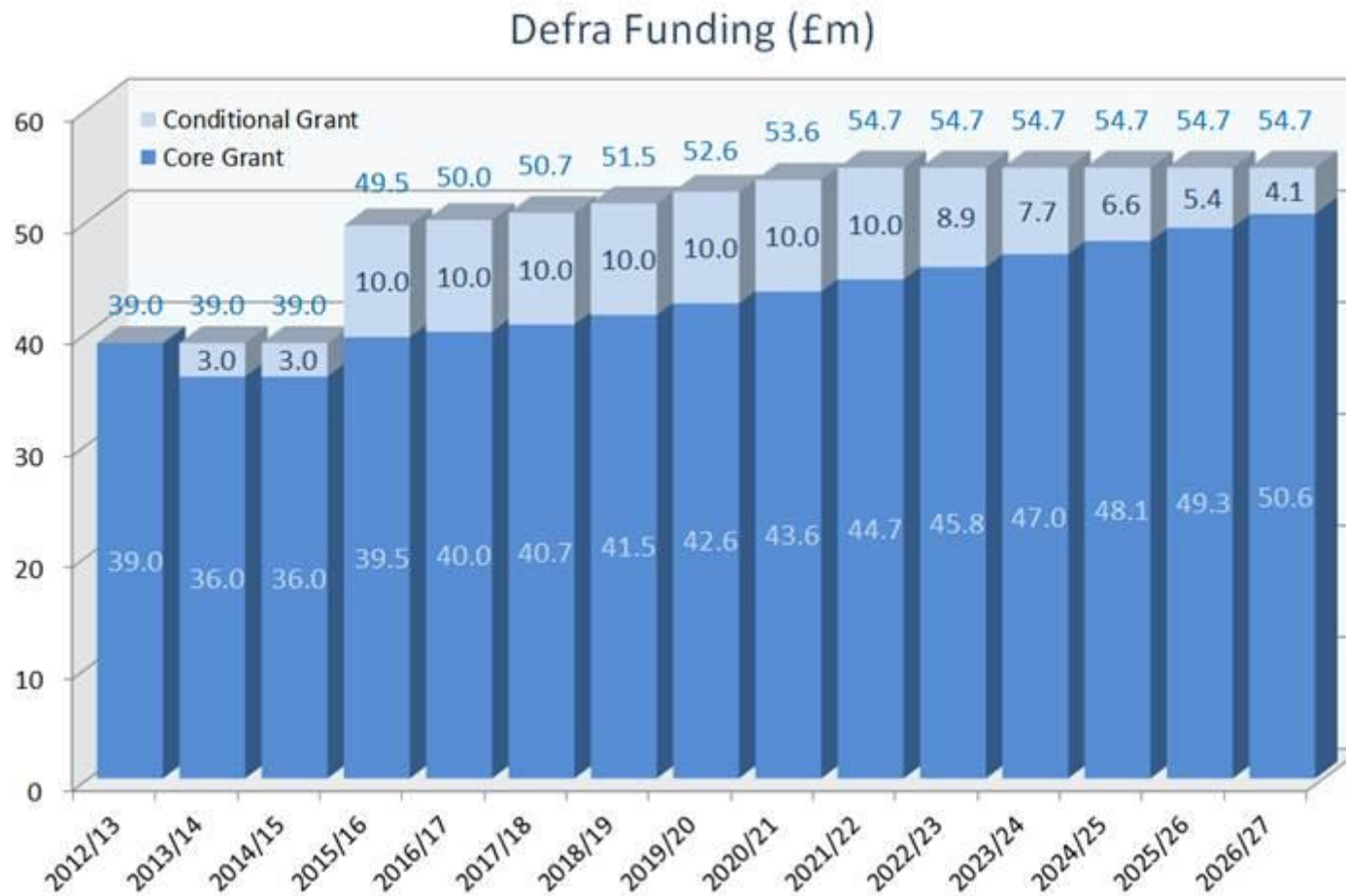


# Contract with Government



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- 15 year contract with Government (to 2027) with committed funding, subject to meeting asset condition targets





# A Ten Year Strategy ....

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- Contract with Government gives us the firm foundation to look ahead to mid 2020s
- Ten Year Strategy is our response to this opportunity:
  - to re-shape the organisation, how it operates, and its funding sources, over that period
  - combine core navigation authority and waterways role with wider public benefit opportunities
- Secure longer term future ....





**Living  
waterways  
transform  
places and  
enrich lives**

# Our Strategy



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**A sustainable 'virtuous cycle' to deliver our vision**

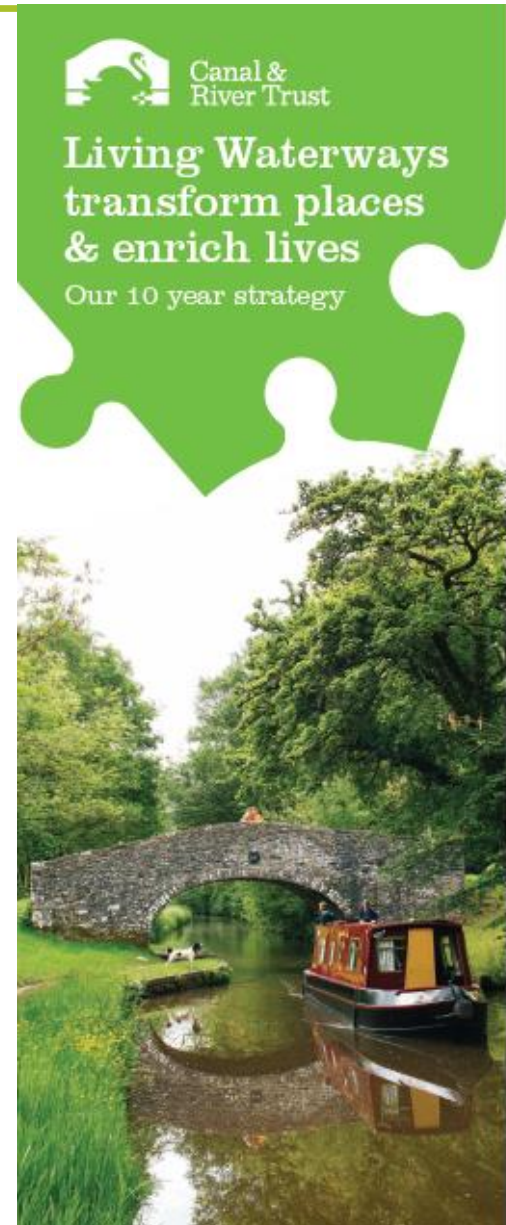


# Communicating our strategy

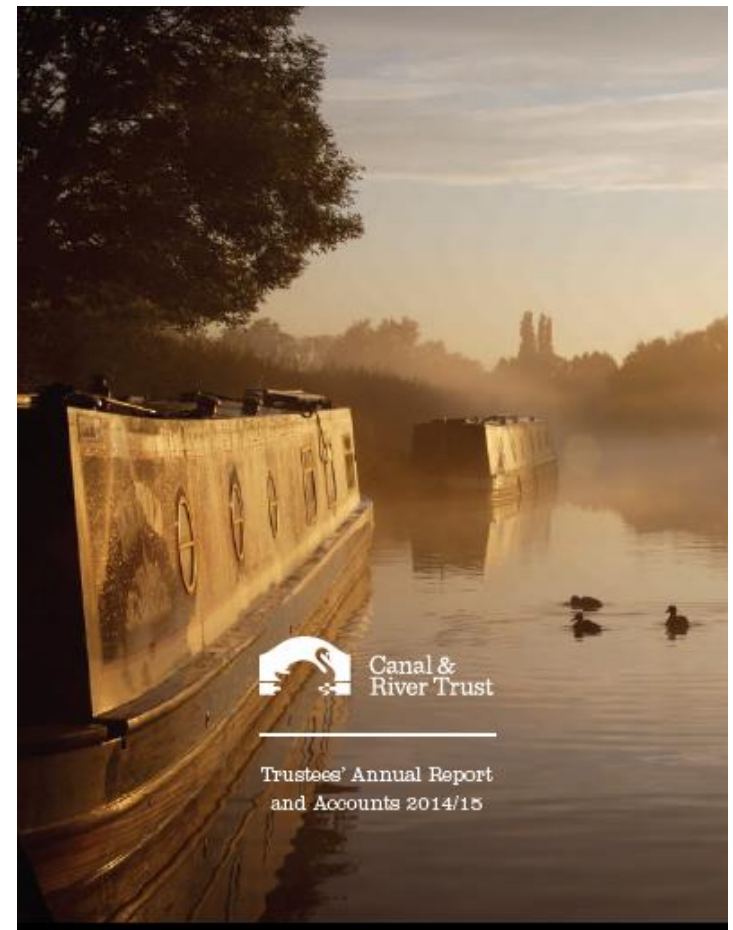


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- New Strategy communication document launched – sets out broad objectives and defines our long term ambition, for example:
  - 75% awareness of the Trust and 50% willing to support us
  - 1m volunteer hours
  - 500 miles of community adoptions
  - 100,000 Friends
  - Half a billion visits each year
  - 1m children and young people involved
  - Growing network with more miles restored



# Current performance : what have we achieved in the past year



# Trust Performance 14/15



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- Year end income £180m, £15m better than original 14/15 plan
- Increased 'charitable' spend - waterway spend close to £100m, £3m ahead of plan
- Asset Condition improved to only 14% of assets in 'poor' state
- Strong growth in capital value of Trust 'endowment' assets
- Friends growth: over 12,000 regular donors, double a year ago
- HLF, PPL, major donor and charitable trust success
- More £ms promised for towpath improvements





# Trust Performance 14/15



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- Massive increase in Visitor numbers to waterways:
  - Regular visitors from 3.5m to 4.5m (up nearly 30%)
  - Total visiting at some time in the year estimated from 12m to over 19m – 50%+ increase
- Volunteers up to nearly 60,000 days
- 108 community adoptions now 'live' up from 50 a year ago
- Over 43,000 children reached by our Education programme
- Awareness of the Trust now up to 32%





# Wider Public Engagement



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# Local focus

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- Waterway Partnerships central to Trust vision
- Identify, align with local priorities and engage local bodies
- Funding / resource provided in Trust Business Plan
- Partner with City Regions and local authorities





# Summary



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- Firm foundation built in the past three years
- Much more to do to fulfil potential opportunity that the Trust presents
- Long term Government contract gives greater certainty – drive efficiencies, new income sources, and wider benefits
- Emphasis on local engagement and partnerships
- Over next ten years build wider public support / establish a strong track record of delivery....

