Kennet & Avon Waterways Partnership (covering Kennet & Avon and Bridgwater & Taunton Canals)

Tamsin Phipps
Chair

• The Waterway Partnership
• Our Waterway Plan
• Partnership Activities
• Interactive Session
The Waterway Partnership
The Waterways

“Inspire our communities and visitors to explore the history, wildlife and beauty of their waterways”

Kennet & Avon Waterway Partnership, 2013
The Waterway area

- 21 conservation sites
- 14 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) (on, bisected by or adjoining canals)
- 7 Grade II*, 22 Grade II, 2 Scheduled and listed Locks, 1 Scheduled and Grade 1 Aqueduct and 1 Grade 1 Pumping Station
- 1 World Heritage Site
- 2 Historic Parks and Gardens
- 1 Historic Battlefield
Partnership Members

Governance / Chair – Tamsin Phipps

Rob Dean

Emma Fearnley

Terry Fell

John Inman

Alistair Millington

Ken Oliver

Richard Watson

Mark Evans (Waterway Manager, CRT)

Opportunities for more Partners Available!!!
Roles of the Waterway Partnership

Include...

- Agreeing a 10 year vision for the waterway
- Endorsing a 3 year business plan
- Champion the waterway
- Influence and engage local stakeholders
- Encourage fresh insights
- Allocate discretionary resources
- Encourage volunteering
- Engage waterway users, young people, and new audiences and encourage waterway based activity
Our Ten Year Strategic Plan 2015
Ten Year Strategic Plan

Brief over view

Set out our strategic priorities
In line with the overall CRT
Strategic plan
Ambitious plans and we will aim to
achieve these working in small sub-
groups with support from others
It is about making a difference to
our waterways area
Welcome Boat

The Welcome Boat will be mainly stationed at Caen Hill, Devizes. In addition the Welcome Boat can be taken to Waterway Festivals and other important events along the K&A but it will not be used as a trip boat. et out our strategic priorities

There will be a large open interior which will enable the space to be used flexibly.

- for educational visits,
- historical displays
- meeting room
- volunteers rest area
- etc
Destinations

The Partnership are concentrating on specific areas to promote as destinations along the waterways

Bridgwater & Taunton Canal

- Maunsel

Kennet & Avon Canal

- Bath
- Bradford on Avon
- Caen Hill
- Crofton
- Hungerford
- Newbury
- Aldermaston
Caen Hill - Destination

- Events such as lighting the flight
- Working with Sustrans – share the space and cycling events and routes
- Car park and walkable from town
- Nature Trails – health walks
- Pond dipping/canoeing
- Interpretation boards on the towpath side
- Link in to the CRT Welcome Station
- Cafe/shop
- Offices
- brandi
- Heritage trails etc
- Develop a community garden adjacent to the canal
- Jubilee Woods
Trails

The Partnership are working on a variety of trails both on and off the water assist with promoting the waterways by providing information as to what is available to do.

- Canoe Trails (to be launched Easter 2016)
- Heritage Tail from Bath to Bradford on Avon
- Nature Trails
Claverton Pumping Station

- Educational events and visits
- Trails – part of canoe, cycling, walking trails so need to include information about it in the trails
- Open days etc.
- Car park and accessible from towpath
- Community garden
- Signage on towpath and key areas directing towards the pumping station
- Café/Shop
- Branding
- Interpretation boards
- Heritage trails etc.
- Bradford on Avon
- CRT toilets
Claverton

CLAVERTON PUMP
Designed by John Rennie
1761-1821
Built
1810-1813
Restored by
Kennet and Avon Canal Trust
1969-1976
Visitor Moorings Review (K&A)

Working with a group of key stakeholders a review has taken place of all the visitor moorings between Bath and Caen Hill

- Various recommendations were made by the group and these are being implemented.
- A review of moorings on the eastern end of the K&A is planned in the next 12 months.
To raise awareness and ensure consistency of brand recognition at various sites along our waterways.

- Destination signage
- K&A benches
- Gateway sign
To write a business plan for the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal

- Waterways
- Places
- Prosperity
- People
- Influence
- Resources
This is a unique opportunity to work together to create a positive future for our canals and rivers, and the people who value them.

Please help us to deliver our strategic Plan ... we want to make a real difference in our Partnership area.
Working to CRT Values

Living waterways transform places and enrich lives

- Resources
- Waterways
- Places
- Influence
- Prosperity
- People
Mark Evans – Waterway Manager