Canal & River Trust

East Midlands Waterway Partnership

Annual Public Meeting 2017

15th November

Quorn Country Hotel

Welcome & overview

Danny Brennan

Chair

East Midlands Waterway Partnership

Programme

- Overview
- A year on the waterway
- Discussion
- East Midlands Waterside Hospitality Awards
- Summary
- Networking

National Picture

- We're 5 years old! We've now bedded in Trust model of custodianship of 2000 miles of canals, rivers, heritage, environmental, property assets.
- Spent + £150m in 2016/17 on charitable activities (mostly on the ongoing repair/maintenance of 200/250 year old "kit").
- £19.6m went on larger infrastructure projects, over £24m on maintenance, repairs and minor works, £6.3m on dredging (that's a lot of silt…..).
- Our volunteers gave generously of their time: equivalent to nearly 70,000 hours last year – and rising (East Mids among best in country). In cash terms, that's worth around £8m nationally. In engagement terms, goodwill, building life long affinity with our waterways, it's priceless.
- We've become a recognised delivery partner in arts, youth, community engagement, regeneration, transport, heritage, across the country, attracting 3rd party funding, often with local government, that improves waterside places, the towpath fabric, the wider well being of areas - and of people.
- As our engagement with the Local Government Association Annual Conference this year shows – this can only build, to common interest, mutual benefit as well as that growing sense of community ownership of waterways.

What are we for - WPs and local teams

Different things in different places, by definition, but about (as well as day job on plumbing!):

- Working more closely with old friends, making new ones, to benefit waterways;
- Reaching out to new audiences, new partners, using “non-traditional” approaches (e.g. LGA, other community organisations, new types of partner, e.g. restaurants, running clubs
- Using our own networks, as WP members, to build more, broader strategic relationships;
- Creating community ownership context and ethos – capturing the hearts of communities;
- Banging the drum for the Trust in new ways & levering in new, different resources;
- Promotion, advocacy, public engagement, visibility;
- Constructive challenge, help to knit work across Trust functions, channelling thinking and resources to localities and their unique challenges and potential.
- **Could this be you…..?**

Strategic Objectives

1. Community ownership & volunteering
2. Improving awareness
3. Participation & activity
4. Maintenance & sustainability
5. Attracting investment
6. Enhancing places
7. Interpreting heritage
8. Ecological improvements

A year on the waterway

Seán McGinley & Liz Fleuty

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Enhancing places

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The Chesterfield Canal
- from West Stockwith to Retford
(Welham Bridge)

Management Plan
2017 – 2020

Seán McGinley
Waterway Manager
East Midlands

Improving perceptions

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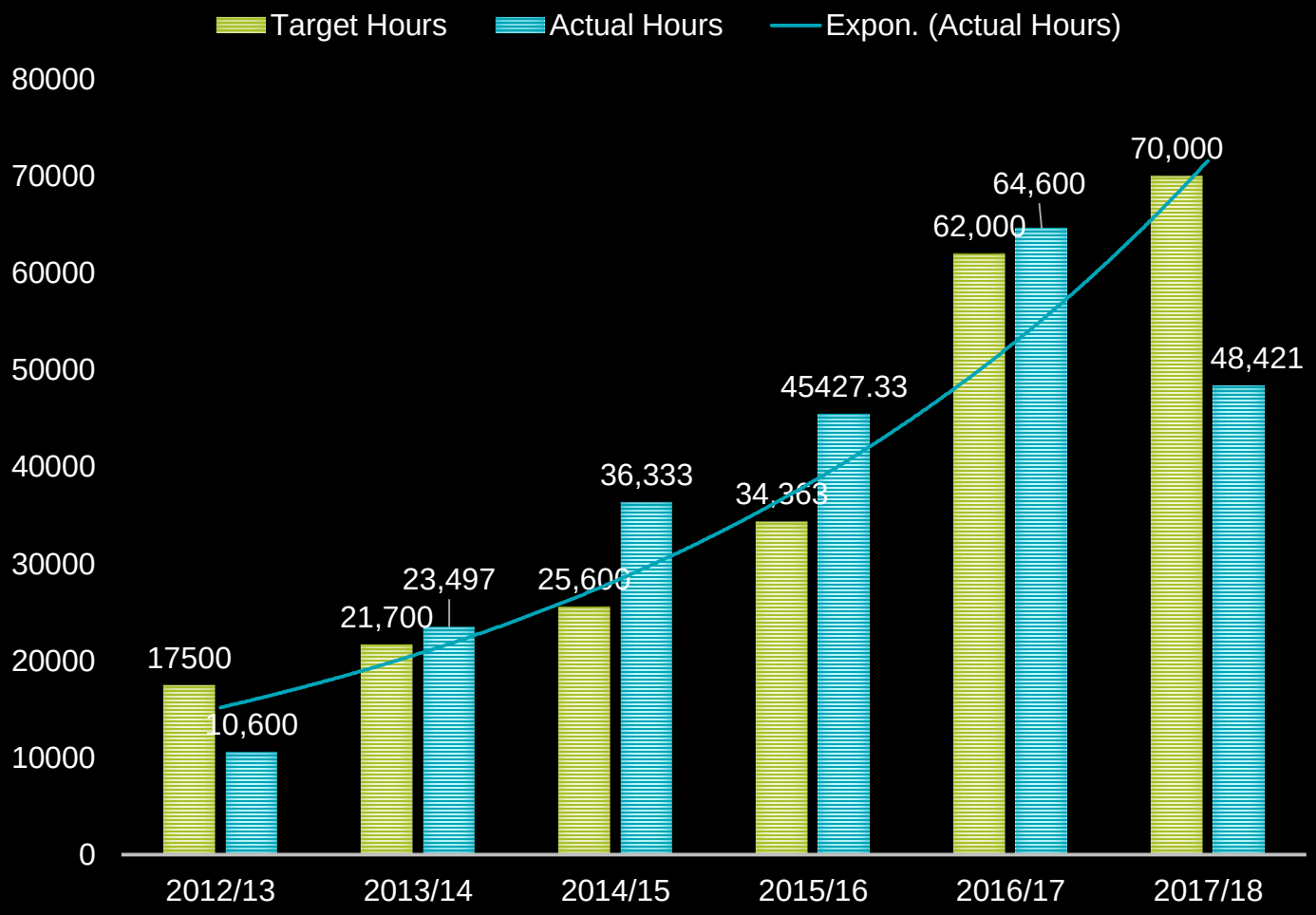
Volunteering growth…



Community ownership

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…supporting further growth

Gareth

Lee

Len

Steve

Our new volunteering leaders

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Who are we talking to?

- Rotary clubs
- Environmental groups
- Gardening clubs
- Probus
- Church groups
- Conservation societies
- Social clubs…

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Green Flag Award®

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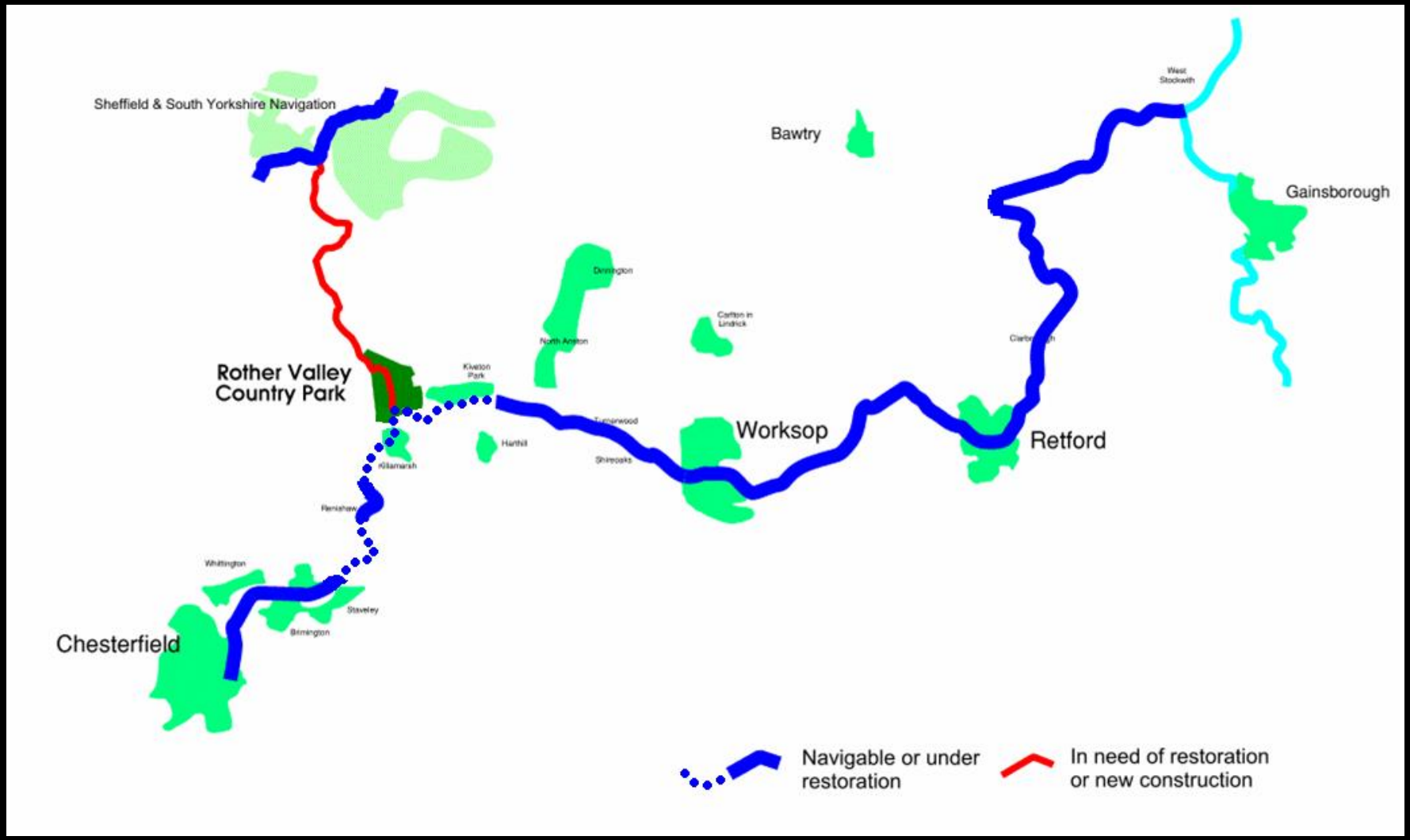
Rother Link


Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation
Bawtry
Gainsborough
Rother Valley Country Park
Worksop
Retford
Chesterfield
Navigable or under restoration
In need of restoration or new construction

Attracting investment

The scheme will produce 1600kW at normal flows and around 8million kWh a year, enough for 3000 houses

“I really enjoyed the race, the quality of the water and the warmth with which I and all the competitors were treated has reminded me of what makes rowing such a special sport.” *James Cracknell OBE*

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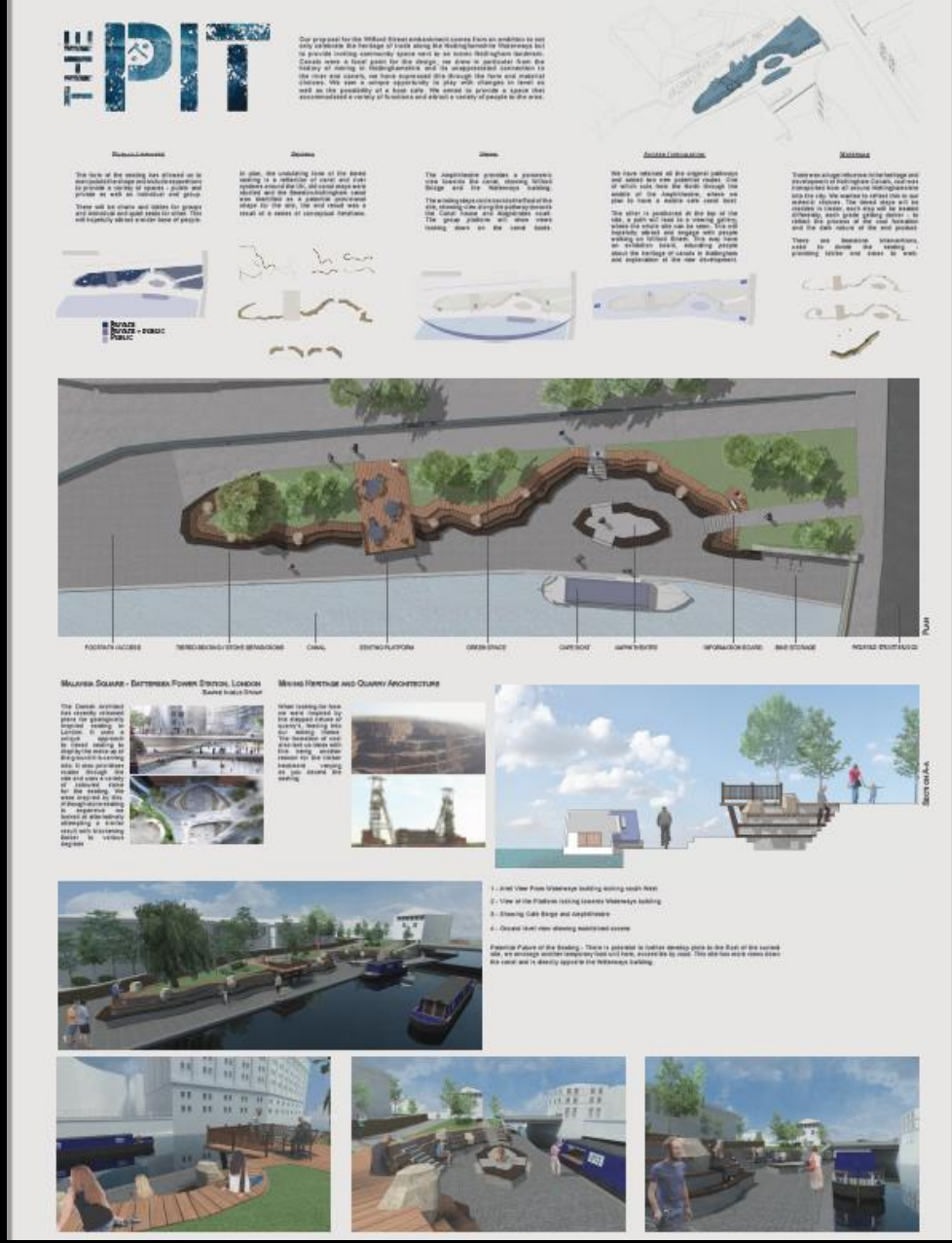

Leicester summit reservoirs

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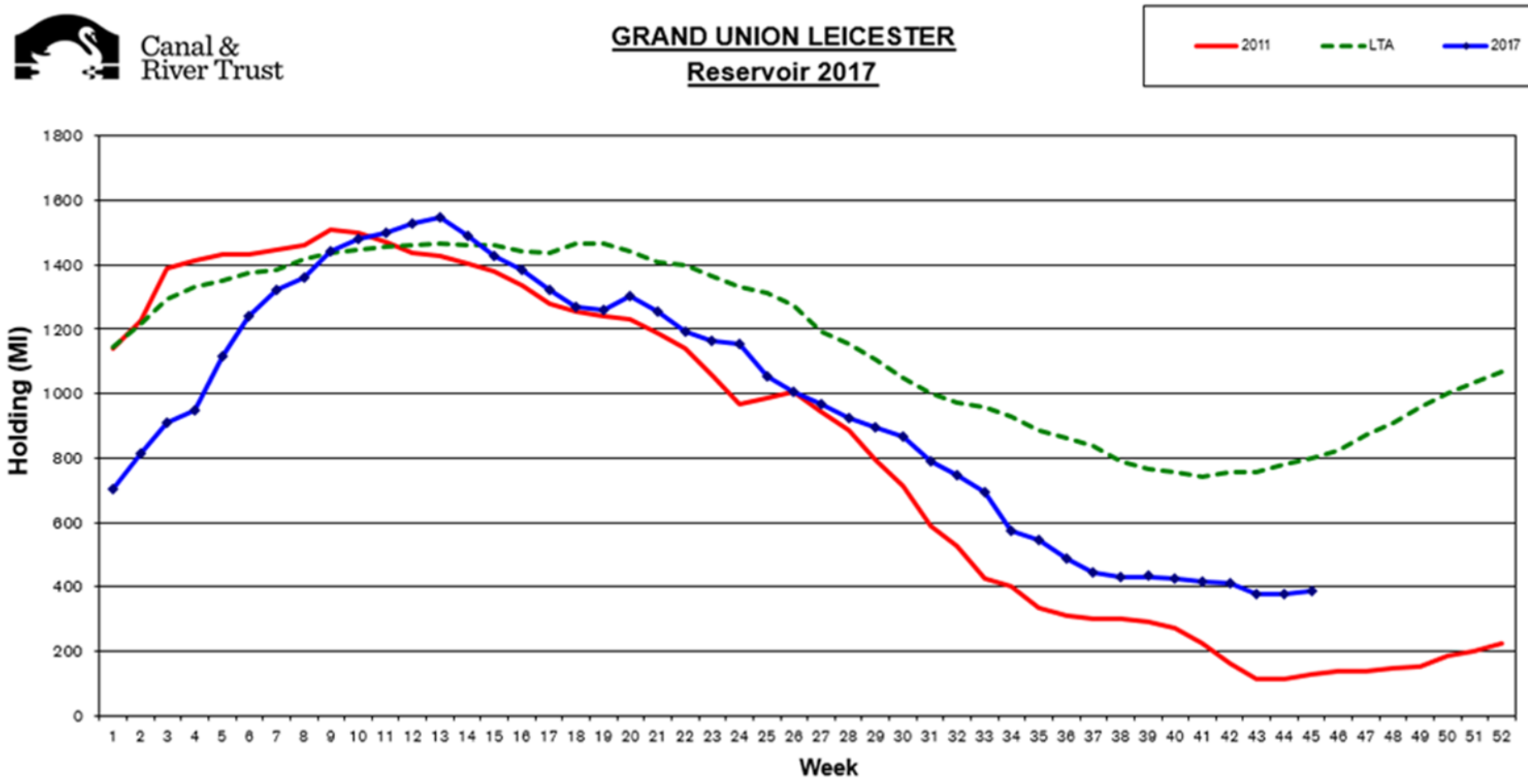

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That's the year so far…

…plenty more to be done

What's all this for?

- We work to maintain and improve the waterways, their surroundings and assets;
- we work with friends, old and new, to do so;
- we generate new and different ways to volunteer, contribute and engage with the waterways
- we look for lots of ways to widen access to and enjoyment of our waterways and
- we reach into localities and local groups to create a sense of common ownership of, and broaden support for, the canals and rivers we look after.

Why?

That's the road to the Trust and its waterways becoming understood as an irreplaceable part of the national fabric, simply part of the social and economic glue of urban and rural communities…..

Discussion

- Thoughts on the work to date?
- Ideas for the future?
- How do we continue to meet our objectives?

East Midlands Waterside Hospitality Awards

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Background

- Context / why
- How we did it
- Response
- Judging

…and now the awards

East Midlands Waterside Hospitality Awards 2017

Best waterside café

Runner up - best waterside café

Old Wharf Tearoom, Hickling Wharf

"Very welcoming… ideal place to sit and relax after a walk on the Grantham Canal"

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Runner up - best waterside café

King's Lock Tearooms, Aylestone

"Lovely setting… friendly and welcoming… ideal for walkers"

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Winner - best waterside café

Boathouse Café, Beeston Marina

"Overlooking the river and moorings, this is a great location… very popular with walkers and cyclists"

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Best waterside restaurant

Runner up - best waterside restaurant

Ferry Boat Inn, Church Laneham

“Excellent menu range…very friendly welcome from bar / waiting staff”

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Runner up - best waterside restaurant

Pillings Boathouse, Quorn

"Excellent homemade dishes… large outdoor seating area right at water's edge"

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Winner - best waterside restaurant

The White Horse, Birstall

"Staff friendly from the moment we walked in… excellent location adjacent to the water"

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Congratulations and thank you

Enjoy the rest of the evening

Summing up

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Open Weekend

2nd – 3rd December

10am – 3pm

Step back in time with historic working boats, walk down inside the listed lock and watch traditional skills in action

Derwent Mouth Lock, Trent & Mersey Canal near Shardlow