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The Canal & River Trust in Wales

South Wales & Severn Spring Forum Goytre Village Hall 28th April 2016

Mr Nick Worthington - Waterway Manager introduced the SWS team and Partnership members. NW thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

Update on Development & Community engagement/Volunteering from David Morgan (DM) - updated the forum on all the community and development activities on the waterways which included:

- Working with All Wales and Government
- Youth Engagement
- "Million Hands Project" <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/youth-social-action/a-million-hands>
- Adoptions
- Duck Campaign
- Share the Space, Drop your Pace campaign <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/blogs/the-guest-blog/the-share-the-space-drop-your-pace-campaign>
The waterway will continue to improve and have events on all the SWS waterways. The next one on the MB Canal will be at Pontymoile on 26th June 2016
- See all our events <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/events>
- Canalathon Event in September 2016 see [Here](#)
- **DM** to review with Brecon Beacon National parks on Brown signage for the MB Canal
- National Volunteer weeks June 2016
- Twitter account @CRTSwalesSevern
- <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer>
- <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/ways-to-volunteer/adopt-a-canal>

Operational Works – Kevin Phillips (KP) – Key Headlines (full report available)

- Long term vision for CRT linked to stoppages for 2016.2017
- Long Stoppage Periods
- Brecon Beacon National Parks – funding
- Security of water supply to the M&B Canal
- Welsh Government Funding
- Support from Traders
- Brown information signage
- £3 million spent in 2015.2016 – KP reported on where the funds had been spent
- BP2016 projects and stoppages

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Ed Helps updated the group on the new commercial agreement set up for Goytre Wharf and how they will work with CRT moving forward.

NW Operations report covered:

- Welcome Stations
- New Signage
- Limekilns Projects
- Headlines for Licences – Continuous Cruising Policy <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/mooring-your-boat/want-to-be-a-continuous-cruiser>
- There are no CRT residential moorings on the MB Canal
- Update on Biffa recycling Bins
- See our website for FAQ's on vegetation and Tree Management <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/maintaining-our-waterways/vegetation-management/managing-offside-vegetation/offside-vegetation-faqs>

A workshop then took place to review new customer service projects and work that CRT could help engage and promote the waterways.

From this came the following headlines:

- Special Mandate for the MB Canal – closed Canals – concerns over growing boat numbers
- Can the Trust review number of boats on waterways
- Dog Poo – possible National campaign – special cards like the Duck Campaign -
- More dog bins – locations such as Llangatock, Talybont and Govilon
- Bow Thrusters on boats
- More interpretation – at the start and end of the MB Canal – entry points to the canal
- More Recycling – See <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/blogs/the-boaters-update/boaters-update-11-march-2016> for an update on recycling – KM/CW to request additional sites – at present the only recycling site on the MB Canal is at Goytre.
- Tourist information – Brown Signage
- Share the Space signage
- Mile Posts – maybe starting at Potters Lock
- Wide-Beam Boats

The Trust thanked all those who attended the meeting and if you wish to contact the local office at any time please email enquiries.southwalessevern@canalrivertrust.org.uk or by Tel 01452 318008, 01452 318047 or 01452 318023.

Please follow all our local activities <https://twitter.com/CRTSWalesSevern>
@CRTSWalesSevern

See below for the recent Boaters update and see our link for all services on the waterways <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/boating/navigating-the-waterways-boating/services-for-boats>

Recycling points – an update 11th March 2016 Boaters update

You may remember that, last summer, in response to boater demand we [committed to installing extra recycling facilities](#) around the network. Over six months on, we thought you'd appreciate an update and, in turn, we'd like your vigilance.

What goes in the general waste bin?

Any leftover food or drink and used paper towels must be kept separate from the recycling waste. If the recycling waste is contaminated by food it cannot be recycled.



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We now provide 132 sites for Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) and glass across the network. The greatest challenge we are facing is regarding the contamination of dry mixed recycling with inappropriate waste and black bags. Due to the public nature of the recycling sites we did expect some abuse as they're an easy place for illicit waste disposal from non-customers. We have installed the signage which does deter some but, as you'll guess, not all. To counter this, we are looking to increase investment in improved security and the site layout of recycling facilities. The plan is for this to happen over the next year or so - this may include designated DMR and glass areas.

One of the other challenges is where, in certain locations, we have co-collections. This is where it is not economically or environmentally practical to send different vehicles to collect DMR and general waste. It basically means that, although initially segregated, waste is actually collected in the same vehicle. Please don't think that your recycling efforts will be going to waste, pun intended, though. It would be illegal for our waste contractor to dispose of recyclables to landfill. Also, it's more expensive for us as landfill tax, at £82.50 per tonne, would be levied on the DMR component.

Where co-collection does happen, the rubbish is destined for a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where it's all re-sorted for recycling, waste to energy and landfill. We're charged the appropriate taxes on each type of rubbish as the collection vehicle electronically records what containers have been collected from each individual site, i.e. no landfill tax on all the DMR element.

So, please keep on recycling and, if in doubt, check the local signs to see what can go where. Thanks!