



# Community Waterway Adoptions

## Telling the story of Waterway Community Adoptions

### Group Name:

Witham Waste Warriors

### Where is your adoption?

A section of the River Witham from Stamp End Lock, in Lincoln, stretching eastwards to the pipe bridge near Washingborough.



### Why did your group adopt?

Britt Gallop began the Witham Waste Warriors with her husband Derek after first making enquiries to the Canal & River Trust about which authority was responsible for the river banks. Scott Miller, a task manager for the Trust, responded to Britt's enquiry and between them they arranged a litter pick, supported by friends and other interested volunteers. Following the success of that first litter pick back in February 2014, Britt volunteered as coordinator for the Witham Waste Warriors and adopted the five hundred meter stretch of river bank, on both sides of the River Witham.

Scott Miller, the Canal & River Trust task manager said of the Witham Waste Warriors: "The group have done some great work to tidy up the area ... straight away there was a real sense of community and wanting to make their community environment better for them and everyone that visited. Heart of the community group this one."

### Your biggest achievement to date?

Britt believes the litter picks have made people more aware of the area around the river.

### What are your plans for the future with your adoption?

The Warriors concentrate their efforts on keeping the river banks tidy and advertise when regular litter picks along their adopted stretch of the Witham take place. Support for the litter picks also comes through contact with other local groups and people who use the river bank; like the person who approached Britt during the Warriors most recent litter pick

who gave her name and asked to be informed when the next pick takes place. Britt also coordinates activities with another Trust adoption group, Lincoln Sea Cadets and with the Lincoln Rowing Club, who, through the use of their boats, provide access to clean up the watery edges of the river bank.

Britt feels the river banks could be appreciated by more people and commented the Waste Warriors will “continue concentrating our efforts on keeping the banks tidy and add to the wild flowers growing on the north bank” and that she “would like to see the river banks enjoyed as an open space by all.”



## How long has the adoption been going?

Since February 2014

## Would you recommend it to a group thinking about adopting?

When asked this question Britt quite simply replied, “Of course.”

## Is your group open to new members?

If Britt and the Witham Waste Warriors inspires you to want to participate as a volunteer on their next litter pick or you would like to know more about volunteering with the Canal & River Trust, contact [Scott.Miller@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:Scott.Miller@canalrivertrust.org.uk) and he will guide you in the right direction.