



Community Waterway Adoptions

Telling the story of Waterway Community Adoptions

Group Name:

Cookson's Canal Action Group

Where is your adoption?

Between bridges 4a and 5 of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal in Netherton, Liverpool.

Why did your group adopt?

Amy Irwin leads the adoption for Sefton Young Advisors and says: 'We adopted the stretch of canal so that adults would take the group seriously and show our commitment. I was only 18 when we set up the adoption.'



Cooksons CAT have transformed the area and have been a great group to work with. They have always made it their mission to keep the area clean and tidy with the help of the local community. Their work has been a huge help to the Trust and we look forward to a long and successful relationship with them – Matt Taylor, Canal & River Trust

Your biggest achievement to date?

Getting positive feedback from local residents and canal users which helped us win the Young Advisors Best Partnership Awards in 2014.

The landlord of Cookson's Bridge pub have given the group the use of an outbuilding which they intend to paint and tidy up and use for storing equipment in.

What are your plans for the future with your adoption?

We have applied for some scholarship funding (£2000) which will help move us forward, improving our section of canal. This will include money for bulbs to plant, paint and painting equipment, and the proper tools for to manage vegetation

better. The group are also looking for more volunteers to work around bridge 5a to really tidy it up for more people.

How long has the adoption been going?

Since November 2013.

Would you recommend it to a group thinking about adopting?

Yes. Everybody agrees forming groups to adopt a length of canal is a great idea.

Is your group open to new members?

Yes. It's an informal group so there's no 'membership' as such. Contact Amy to get involved.



'They are doing a great job keeping the canal bank clear of litter and dog muck which is a big problem in the area'
Local resident Mary

'It's a pleasure walking the tow path - we just love it - it's clean and litter free'
Bill and Gwen who walk their dogs along the canal regularly

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Web links to your group:

www.cookscat.wordpress.com