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Changing Lives Together

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Canal &
River Trust

North East Waterways

Canal & River Trust: Our Role and Objectives

The Canal & River Trust was established by Parliament in July 2012. It has responsibility for canals, rivers, docks and reservoirs, along with historic buildings, archives and three waterway museums, including the National Waterways Museum.

These assets are recognised as a national treasure and a local haven for people and wildlife. They are held and managed by the new Trust on behalf of the nation. The principal role of the Trust is to care for this unique legacy, holding it in trust for the nation in perpetuity.

The new Trust acts as guardian for the canals and rivers of England and Wales – ensuring that history, nature and communities are central to everything it does.



“A sustainable and evolving canal and river network that is a national treasure – accessible to and cherished by all.”

Canal & River Trust, 2012

Canal & River Trust: Our Strategic Priorities

Almost 50% of the population of England and Wales lives within five miles of our network of canals, rivers and towpaths. The network is cherished by millions of visitors, neighbours and communities, yet it has been difficult in the past for many people to get involved in shaping their future. We intend to change that.

The true potential of our canals and rivers and their long-term survival will only be secured if the new Trust fully engages and works with visitors, users, neighbours, business partners and local authorities, including parish, town and community councils.

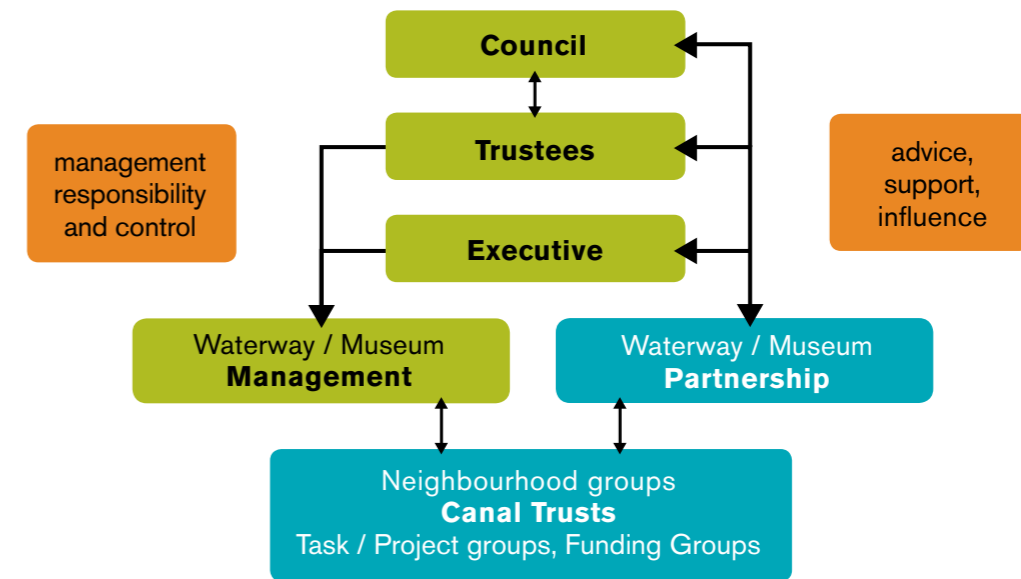
Our priority is to widen the enjoyment of our waterways today whilst protecting them for future generations.

The Trustees have set out in the document entitled ‘Shaping our Future – Strategic Priorities - Keeping People, Nature and History Connected’ (July 2012) six strategic priorities aimed at unlocking this potential:

-  • Ensuring our canals and rivers are open, accessible and safe
-  • Inspiring more people to enjoy the canals and rivers and support our work
-  • Earning financial security for our canals and rivers
-  • Doing everything we can to deliver on our charitable objectives
-  • Minimising the impact we make on scarce resources
-  • Establishing the Trust as a respected and trusted guardian of our canals and rivers



Canal & River Trust: Our Governance



Although we need to manage our canals and rivers as one network, with common policies across England and Wales in order to allocate resources where they are most needed and to be most efficient and effective, it is critical that the new Trust reflects local views and aspirations in all of our plans and activities.

That is why Waterway Partnerships have been established, across England and Wales, including North East Waterways, to bring together representatives of local communities, businesses and organisations to work closely with our staff and influence what we do in each local waterway.

Canal & River Trust: Our Funding

Our income is derived from a wide range of sources, namely:

- individual donors and corporate sponsors;
- commercial income including revenue from the licensing of boats, moorings and angling; and revenue from property and utilities;
- grants from the other organisations; and
- our 15 year contract with government.

The Trust is proactive in utilising its property assets and joint venture vehicles to bring forward land to deliver regeneration, wider benefits to the community and to attract private sector investment. As a charitable trust, all net rental income and capital receipts generated from our property estate and other commercial activities are used to maintain the waterways.



Your North East Waterways Partnership



Over the last year, our new Waterways Partnership has been developing the strategy for waterways in your area. We have been talking to local people and businesses to find out your views and how you would like to see your canals and rivers protected and improved.

One of the initial challenges of our local partnership has been to determine and set the strategic direction of the North East Waterways within the context of national and local priorities. The partnership holds a non-executive function but will be instrumental in developing and engaging local partnerships to bring value to the canals and rivers in our catchment.

The work we have done to date has involved engaging people to understand their views, we have asked our customers, public and private sector partners, employees and volunteers.

The transition to charitable status not only secures our future but presents many opportunities. There are lots of things we need to understand about our new world, but our current challenges will not go away. We will continue to recognise the things that we are good at, safely managing the operation and maintenance of our waterways, maintaining standards and providing great customer service. As a trust we want everyone to recognise these qualities too.

Our canals and rivers in Yorkshire and Teesside currently attract over half a million pounds of funding annually. Projects in our area include towpath and access improvements, new fish passes, community arts schemes and heritage restorations. We promote our waterways as valuable heritage, a setting for good development and a provider of leisure and recreation.

As the Canal & River Trust we want to generate over £1million in external funding in the North East for a much wider range of projects. These will help to support the waterway and deliver the aspirations and ambition of local communities. Our waterways cover an area with huge economic and geographic diversity from the rural and relatively affluent York and Harrogate to parts of South Yorkshire where waterways run through some of the most deprived communities in the country. This offers both challenges and opportunities for the Trust.

Our vision is that our waterways in the North East will be seen as part of the community, a unique environment and heritage resource, a volunteering and training 'outdoor classroom', the place to go for healthy and fun outdoor activity. Importantly, they will be seen as a national treasure to be looked after and funded by the community and passed on to future generations.

We will work hard to promote awareness of the unique North East Waterway network; inspire and engage people, explaining the benefits of waterways to local communities and develop our partnerships to support the delivery of mutually beneficial schemes.

The North East Waterways Partnership advises and supports the work of the Trust's team. As well as developing a

new strategy for the waterways in your area, the Partnership raises funds for local projects, takes practical action and builds relationships with organisations and people across the region.

Today's event is an opportunity for you to begin to shape the future of your local waterways and we hope that you will join us and stay with us on this exciting journey.

North East Partnership Vision Partnership Wide Objectives



People

- **Working with others** to fully utilise our rivers and canals in Yorkshire and Teesside to build community cohesion and resilience
- **Connecting** people and communities that our rivers and canals currently do not reach and support
- Utilising our rivers and canals to improve health and well-being of people living and working in Yorkshire and Teesside

Prosperity

- **Working with others** to fully utilise our rivers and canals in Yorkshire and Teesside to deliver growth, regenerate waterside communities and build the skills base within these communities
- **Connecting** into the wider waterway network and into new markets here and in Europe

- Optimising the benefits for both local economies and the Trust generated from growth in waterway related tourism, sustainable transport including waterborne freight and renewable energy sources

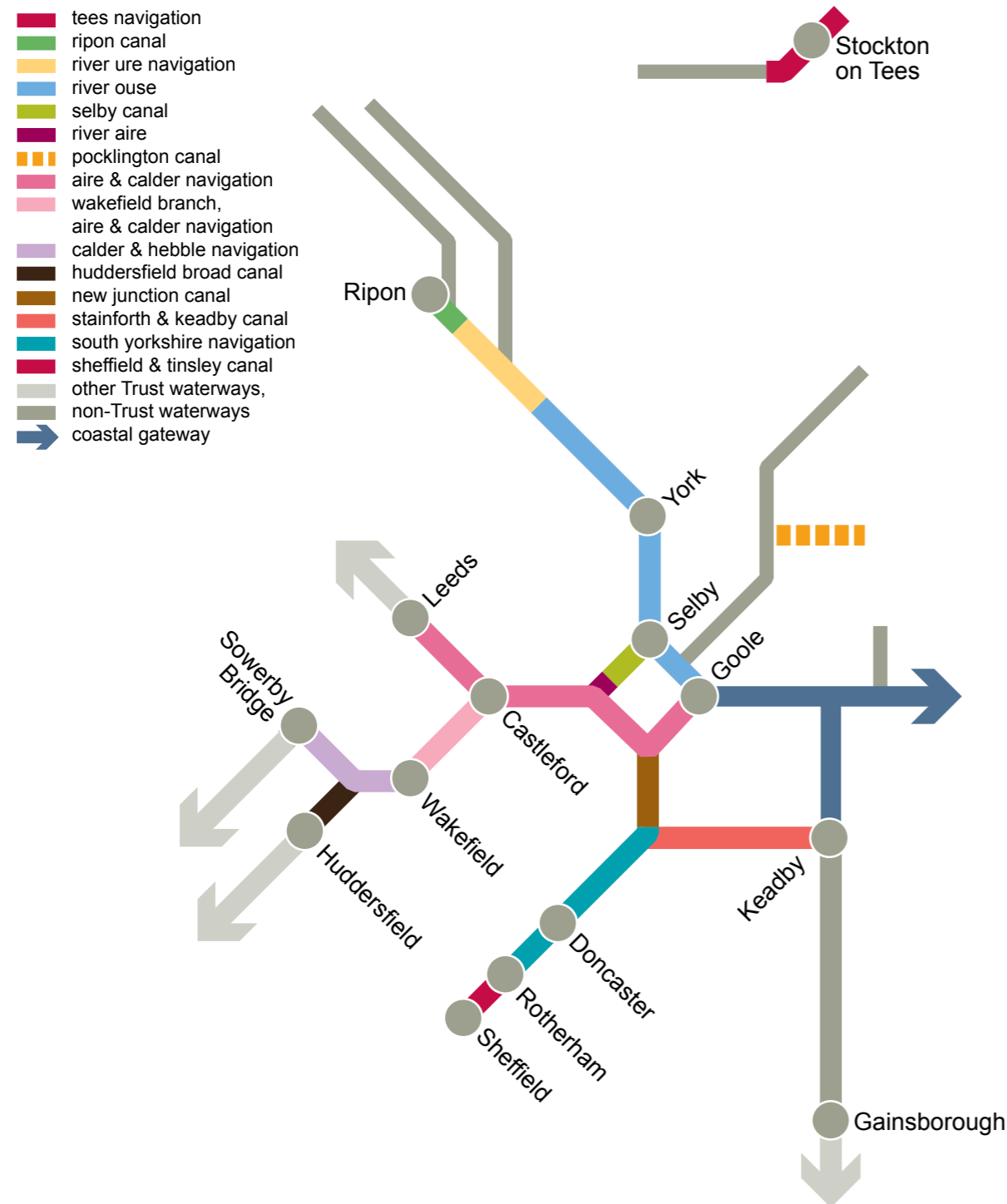
Places

- **Working with others** to fully utilise our rivers and canals in Yorkshire and Teesside to strengthen environmental resilience
- **Connecting** waterside cities, towns and villages as inviting places to live, work, visit and invest and making the Yorkshire countryside and wider Tees Valley accessible
- Making our rivers and canals become a very highly valued form of green infrastructure to the waterside communities within Yorkshire and Teesside

North East Partnership Vision Local Vision

'Changing Lives Together'

Regenerating waterways in partnership to create connected, prosperous and healthy waterside communities and to help strengthen economic, social and environmental resilience in Yorkshire and Teesside.



Aire & Calder Navigation

The Aire & Calder Navigation was built on a grand scale, so large loads of goods could be carried from the North Sea. It is now also a popular route for pleasure boats, leading to the vibrant redeveloped waterfront area in Leeds.

From Leeds, the Aire & Calder Navigation flows to the tidal River Ouse at Goole, where the docks are a reminder that the canal continues to serve its historic function of transporting freight.

The Navigation has been regularly improved and upgraded throughout history: some of the most famous names in engineering, including Smeaton, Jessop, Rennie and Telford, have left their marks. Though the waterway is usually considered a river navigation, the Ferrybridge-Goole stretch is entirely man-made.

Huddersfield Broad Canal

The Huddersfield Broad Canal provides a space for nature in the urban surroundings of Huddersfield.

It has been reborn from a weed-clogged channel in the 1980s to a popular boating route today, thanks to the restoration of the connecting Huddersfield Narrow Canal and the upgrading of the canal facilities.



Aire & Calder Navigation, Leeds © Ray Hasmall



Calder & Hebble Navigation



Huddersfield Broad Canal

Calder & Hebble Navigation

The Calder & Hebble Navigation once served a very industrial area, but is now a rural and peaceful route.

The navigation, which is part-canal and part-river, connects the Yorkshire and Pennine canals, and provides easy access for walking in the Pennines. Canal enthusiasts will appreciate the unusual waterways architecture, including quirky lever-operated locks.



Pocklington Canal

Pocklington Canal

This idyllic rural waterway was once derelict, and nearly became a dumping ground for industrial waste. It was saved by the work of energetic local volunteers and campaigners and is now one of the country's best canals for nature, and home to three Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The restoration work by the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society has helped to restore the section from the River Derwent to the Melbourne Arm for navigation.



Ripon Canal

Ripon Canal

The Ripon Canal starts in the heart of the medieval city of Ripon and is overlooked by restored historic buildings.

The canal was abandoned in 1956, but restored thanks to the efforts of local volunteers.



River Ouse, York

River Ouse

The magnificent York Minster stands sentinel as the River Ouse flows for 60 miles through fertile land and centuries of history, on its way towards Goole and the mighty River Humber and becomes tidal below Naburn Locks.

Selby Canal

The Selby Canal is a quiet backwater from the Aire & Calder Navigation, providing a peaceful setting for boating, walking and cycling.

Historically this broad canal was busy with commercial traffic, but it is now a tranquil rural route from the River Aire to the River Ouse. Where it joins the tidal River Ouse at Selby, there is a busy working Wharf area, which contrasts with the quiet of the rest of the canal.

River Tees & Tees Barrage

The Canal & River Trust looks after the River Tees Navigation from Worsall to the Tees Barrage.

The River Tees offers lots of chances to get active on the water, whether it's in sailing boats, canoes, kayaks or dinghies.

Completion of the Tees barrage in 1995 limited the Tees' tidal reach, and created an exciting new wetland sports and leisure area for Teeside.

The barrage itself is an impressive structure and includes a fish pass, navigation lock and newly refurbished Tees International White Water Centre. There is no access to the barrage itself, although a visitor centre is planned.

New Junction Canal

The last canal of the commercial age, dating from 1905, the New Junction Canal is still used for its original purpose of carrying freight.

It is a wide, straight canal, running for five-and-a-half miles, through flat, sparsely populated countryside, from the Aire & Calder Navigation to the Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation.

Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation

The Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation is made up of the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal, the River Don Navigation and Stainforth & Keadby Canal.

Opened in 1814 to carry boats between the navigable River Don and a new basin in the centre of Sheffield, the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal forms the first four miles of the Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation.

The Stainforth & Keadby Canal was authorised in 1793 and opened in 1802. It brought an influx of people together with increased trade and relative prosperity to the village of Stainforth.



Tees Barrage, River Tees



Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigations

Speakers



Ian McMillan



Tony Wade



Tom Wild



Hilary Brooke



Reuben Kench



Phil Crabtree



Geraint Coles



Tony Hales

Ian McMillan

Poet & Broadcaster

Ian has been a poet, broadcaster, commentator and programme maker for over 25 years. He's explored language & communication with students, teachers, policy makers, local authority officers, politicians and business communities.

Ian is poet-in-residence for The Academy of Urbanism and Barnsley FC. Previously he was resident poet for the English National Opera, UK Trade & Investment Poet, Yorkshire

TV's Investigative Poet and Humberside Police's Beat Poet. He presents The Verb every week on BBC R3 and he's a regular on Coast, Pick of the Week, You & Yours, Last Word and The Arts Show.

Ian is an honorary doctor of Sheffield Hallam University, North Staffs Polytechnic, and University Centre Barnsley at Huddersfield University. He was also recently Visiting Professor at Bolton University.

Tony Wade

Creative Director, Faceless Arts

Tony Wade is the Creative Director at Faceless Arts. He is responsible for the company's community engagement and participation work.

Tony joined Faceless in 1995 after spending 10 years building fire sculptures, touring as a street

performer and musician and running free outdoor music festivals. As Creative Director for Faceless, Tony provides technical support for all projects, designs community parades and projects, delivers workshops, trains the company's freelance artists and creates Faceless' sets & props.

Tom Wild

Director, South Yorkshire Forest Partnership

Tom Wild is Director of South Yorkshire Forest Partnership. He is responsible for leading the delivery of SYFP's vision, and for the overall direction of the team and its projects. Tom leads the group managing the international projects VALUE Added, Making Places Profitable, SEEDS and APACHES, and was responsible for developing these partnerships.

Prior to this role, Tom managed the University of Sheffield's major research programme URSULA on the

regeneration of urban river corridors. He previously managed the £multi-million project Creating a Setting for Investment (CSI) based at Sheffield City Council, and has also worked with several environmental agencies and research institutions in Scotland and England. Tom is Chair of the Tyne & Humber branch of the Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management, Chair of the Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group, a Trustee of the Rivers Trust, and a Director of the River Stewardship Company.

Hilary Brooke

North East Waterways Partner

Born in West Yorkshire, Hilary is passionate about the countryside, walking and the waterway corridors. She spent 30 years working in Regeneration, involving local communities and the public and private sectors in co-operative decision making and delivery of programmes.

Hilary has worked with the European Union, the Greater London Council,

with mining communities in South Yorkshire and with Manchester University in the delivery of community and physical changes during the Commonwealth Games. Over the past 10 years she has been back on home ground developing and delivering change and funding options to market towns in Calderdale and in and around Dewsbury in Kirklees.

Reuben Kench

Head of Culture & Leisure, Stockton Borough Council

After a Fine Art Degree with Honours from Newcastle, he studied at Glasgow School of Art before returning to Tyneside.

After a decade of work in the arts, including the Regional Arts Board and charitable arts agencies, Reuben joined Stockton Borough Council.

Initially taking responsibility for the arts and museums services, the role subsequently expanded to encompass libraries, sports, and leisure.

His professional interest in culture and sport is mirrored in his home life where he runs, cycles, and plays football as often as his back and knees will allow.

Speakers

Phil Crabtree

Chief of Planning, Leeds City Council

Phil Crabtree was appointed Chief Planning Officer at Leeds City Council in January 2007. He is responsible for one of the busiest planning services in the UK.

He is also responsible for Planning Policy, Conservation and Sustainable Development and the recently published Draft Core Strategy. Phil is closely involved in a number of major development projects including some of the biggest retail proposals in the UK.

Prior to joining Leeds City Council, Phil worked for Birmingham City Council for over 20 years in the fields of economic policy, regeneration, local planning and development management.

Phil is an external examiner and Honorary Teaching Fellow of the new Masters Degree in Town Planning at the University of Birmingham and a member of the Planning Advisory Service Steering Group. He was the founder and first chair of the Core Cities Planning Group.

Geraint Coles

Development Manager, Chesterfield Canal Partnership

Since January 2004 Geraint has been the Development Manager for the Chesterfield Canal Partnership charged with managing the restoration and sustainable development of the canal.

Educated in Yorkshire Geraint has a deep affinity with the region and

a strong and abiding passion for its waterways, rivers and wetlands. Geraint brings twenty years' experience, in particular considerable practice in the leadership of multi-disciplinary teams of construction, heritage and environment professionals.

Tony Hales

Chair of Canal & River Trust

Tony was formerly Chairman of British Waterways. He is also a Non-Executive Director of Capital and Regional plc and Chairman of NAAFI Pension Fund Trustees. He was previously Chairman of Workspace group plc., Chief Executive of Allied Domecq, a

Non-Executive Director of HSBC Bank plc, Welsh Water plc and Aston Villa plc, and Chairman of NAAFI. He is a Trustee of Welsh National Opera and a Trustee of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation.

North East Partnership Who's Who

Mark Penny, Chair Previously Director of Customer Service and Networks for Yorkshire Water. Now runs Summers Day management consultancy. Trustee of the Aire Rivers Trust.

Eric Bootland An angler for over 40 years has spent the past 15 years involved with the administration of the sport. Previously a regional director and Board member for the National Federation of Anglers. Currently chairperson for the Angling Trust's West Yorkshire Angling Performance and Development Group.

Hilary Brooke Spent 30 years working in Regeneration. Worked with the European Union, the Greater London Council, with mining communities in South Yorkshire and with Manchester University in the delivery of community and physical changes during the Commonwealth Games.

Geraint Coles Development Manager for the Chesterfield Canal Partnership charged with managing the restoration and sustainable development of the canal.

Chris Hawkesworth Lifelong canoeist and champion of easier access to Britain's canals and rivers network. Vice Chair of Canoe England's Yorkshire Region. National Planning and Facilities Manager for Canoe England. Chair of the Gouthwaite Reservoir Board of Management and Chair of the Manvers Lake and Dean Valley Trust Ltd.

Jon Horsfall North East Waterway Manager, Canal & River Trust

Dianne Hurst Partnership manager in the north of Rotherham Borough.

Jon Kendall A partner in Castleton Consulting, specialising in innovation and multi-organisational working. Consulting experience based in the water industry with clients including Yorkshire Water, Anglian Water and Scottish Water.

David Lowe David is an experienced canal boat operator, his expertise is wide ranging and includes passenger, restaurant, hire boats, waterbus, boatbuilding, boatyard operations. David is also a freight professional and was twice awarded the IWA 'Bulkley-Johnson Salt' for 'furtherance of commercial waterway transport in the UK'. David, now semi-retired, owns two historic narrow boats and is Traffic Consultant with Humber Barges Ltd, Secretary of the Commercial Boat Operators Association and licensed as an MCA Boatmaster. Other professional interests include railway operations and music.

Mike Osborne Geologist and civil engineer. Associate director with Arup. Was a Royal Engineer Officer before joining Arup, involved in the Bingley Relief Road project. Led a team to develop the Airedale Master Plan

Trevor Roberts Retired Police Inspector with over 40 years experience. Whilst with the Police, he had responsibility for Community Safety issues in South Bradford, West Yorkshire. Today, Chair of National Community Boats Association and has set up a Social Enterprise, which has a belief that the canal provides a unique learning environment, particularly for those who benefit through a practical and vocational experience.

Peter Scott Chairman of the IWA for the North East and Yorkshire Region. A keen boater, has navigated most of the connected system of inland waterways of England and Wales.

Melanie Taylor Low Carbon & Environment lead for Leeds City Region, responsible for development of areas of Green Infrastructure Strategy. Runs the Local Enterprise Partnership's Green Economy Panel.

Ken Taylor Executive director of Groundwork Wakefield and its group of companies and charities since 1995. Chair of Wakefield and District Housing. Chair of First, the Wakefield District Economic Development Agency and Board member of Local Strategic Partnerships in Wakefield, Scarborough and Selby.

Get involved

What do you think we need to do?

Tell us your views

The North East Waterway Partnership is developing its ten year strategy for the waterways. Our aim is simply to make these precious assets better used, more accessible, and more valued by the communities that surround them.

We can only succeed in this by engaging with YOU, with local partners and communities, large and small, in common purpose and a shared belief in the ability of the waterways to enrich communities, the local economy and the local environment.

Please use the workbook on your tables to log your ideas and proposals during the conference.

Thank you!



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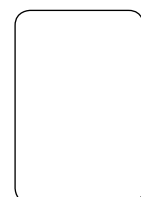


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Get involved Become a Friend

There are many ways you can make a difference to your local canal or river. You could join our Friendship scheme by giving a monthly donation. Or you could simply make a one-off donation and help ensure that our inland waterways remain a valued part of our local landscapes now and forever.

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