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The Basingstoke  
Canal Society

# Basingstoke Canal News



# Editorial

After what seems like a very long winter, it's lovely to see some spring flowers peeping through along the Canal towpaths.

Many thanks to our volunteers who keep going through the winter weather to ensure the Canal is kept in good condition. It's also a good time for them to cut back growth around the waterway before the nesting season begins.

There is no Membership report this month, but I'm pleased to report that we have seen a steady growth in numbers, thanks to all who continue to

spread the word about the Basingstoke Canal Society and contribute to the upkeep of the Canal. March is subscription renewal month for many of our members, so please look out for a letter. For those who pay by standing order, your renewal will be made as normal.

For the eagle-eyed amongst you, this is intentionally the Spring edition to align issues with the actual seasons.

Please send any articles or photos to [editor@Basingstoke-Canal.org.uk](mailto:editor@Basingstoke-Canal.org.uk).

*Elspeth Levi*  
Editor

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## Boat Trips

The summer schedule is now on our website with some fantastic trips coming. There may still be some space for the Mother's Day trip on *Kitty* from Woking.

The Boat team have organised a great selection of trips for this season - from a "Sea Shanties" night, a Jazz and Ale night and a number of Cream Tea trips on *John Pinkerton II* from Odiham— find out more at <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/themed-trips-on-john-pinkerton-ii/>

Our trips are run by fully trained Canal Society volunteers and they will ensure your guests receive a warm welcome!

Visit the [website](https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/book-your-boat-trip/) or <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/book-your-boat-trip/> to book your trip.



*Front cover image: Wildlife on the Canal, Elspeth Levi*

# Chairman's Report

The recent failures on both the Bridgewater and Huddersfield canals have brought focus upon the fragility of a 200 year old canal network.

Fortunately there was no loss of life in either instance. However, repairs will cost a lot and take a long period of time to complete.

Closer to home a tree uprooted part of the bank near Send on the Wey Navigation. Fortunately it didn't develop into a major breach, but it just goes to show how important regular patrols by lengthsmen are, reporting promptly to the BCA on any incidents.

Progress on the *Kitty II* project is moving along, albeit slowly. The biggest challenge has been getting the legals sorted out at Bridge Barn for the shore power infrastructure provision. The speed with which some of the parties involved operate at is not conducive to a modern business environment.

We now have over 1,200 members which is fantastic, and on Tuesdays something like 30 folks now turn out to build upon the work of the Weekend Work Party and the Corporate groups, all of whom are doing 'stuff' along the whole length of the Canal.

*Ian Moore  
Chairman*



*Kitty II at the boatyard. Now with windows and paintwork complete.*

# Notice of AGM

NOTICE is hereby given that the 48th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Basingstoke Canal Society will be held on Saturday 10th May 2025 at the Mytchett Canal Centre, starting at 5.00pm.

The formal Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

1. To hear apologies for absence.
2. To confirm the minutes of the 47th AGM held on 1st June 2024.
3. To approve the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024.
4. To reappoint Wilson Partners Ltd (previously known as Barnbrook Sinclair Partnership LLP) as Independent Examining Accountants.
5. To elect or confirm the appointment of the members of the Board of Directors (Executive Committee) for the year 2025/6 (see note 3).
6. To transact any other business relative to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

By order of the Board of Directors

Celia Griffiths, Secretary

Following the formal business of the AGM there will be presentations of the Robin Higgs Award and the Dieter Jebens Trophy.

Thereafter, at around 6pm, there will be a social for members and volunteers - further details will appear on the website nearer the time .  
Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

## **AGM Notes:**

1) This Notice is issued from our Registered Address at Chancery House, 30, St Johns Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 7SA.

2) Only paid-up members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting. Every member of the Society who is entitled to vote at a General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member, but can attend and vote in their stead. Forms of Proxy can be obtained from the Secretary at [celia.griffiths@basingstoke-canal.org.uk](mailto:celia.griffiths@basingstoke-canal.org.uk) or by applying in writing to 138, Alexandra Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6RN.

3) The arrangements for the election of directors provide that one third of the directors and any director appointed since the last AGM must retire and are eligible for re-election.

Full details of those directors who will be resigning and seeking to be re-elected and members being proposed as directors for a first time will be shown on the Members' webpages and on application to the Secretary in advance of the meeting. Nomination Forms (which must be received not less than 14 days before this meeting) are available from the Secretary at the address shown in 2 above.

4) The Report and Accounts will be available to view on the website before the AGM. Copies can be available from the Secretary by email or post if requested. In accordance with normal practice, when approved, these will be published in summary in the Basingstoke Canal News.

5) Any changes to the details given in this notice will be published on the Society's website at [www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk).

# Chobham Talks

## Chobham Talks

On **Wednesday March 19** Peter Whitlock from our archives team will present a talk entitled "The Bridges of the Basingstoke Canal". This will be based on his new book of the same name.

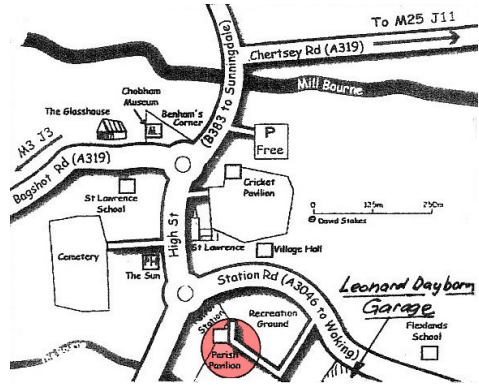
On **Wednesday April 16** Tarun Ingvorsen will give his talk, which was cancelled due to illness in February. The title will be "A review of my first ten months as the Canal Manager (Operations)."

Please add these dates to your calendar and we look forward to welcoming you.

All talks start at 8pm.

Location: Parish Pavilion on the A3046 Station Road, Chobham

*Graham Deavin*



## Chobham Talks - Volunteer required

After many years of service, I will retire from organising the Chobham Talks as soon as possible and am looking for a volunteer to take over the role. If you would like more information, or to have a chat about the role, please contact me.

The Chobham Talks organiser is responsible for arranging suitable speakers for monthly talks from October to April, handling fees and expenses, and ensuring smooth event operations including venue setup, refreshments, and cleanup. The organiser also provides information to speakers and manages the event logistics, such as setting up the room and arranging refreshments. Assistance from a second person is recommended to provide backup and double check the room is locked after the event.

Over the last few years there have been a mixture of interesting talks, some covering canal and waterway related topics and others on more general, sometimes local topics. The usual format of the evening is a talk lasting between 45 - 60 minutes followed by tea or coffee and a chance to catch up with other guests.

Please contact me through [editor@basingstoke-canal.org.uk](mailto:editor@basingstoke-canal.org.uk).

*Graham Deavin*

# Duke of Edinburgh Success

Thank you to Charlie Messenger who wrote the following article regarding his volunteering activity for his Duke of Edinburgh award. Charlie was supported by his mum Philippa, a Lengthsman, and father Brian. We welcome young volunteers, however we cannot provide parental supervision so ask that all volunteers are over 18, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

“When I first volunteered for The Basingstoke Canal Society as part of my Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) awards, we would finish our 5 km stretch of the canal with bags full of rubbish, ‘what3words’ to identify locations which needed action and photos to help the working groups complete their task list. Over time the issues to report, and the amount of litter - including my pet peeve of poo bags! - decreased significantly. The weekly walk of our ‘length’ became a time to connect with my family and the environment.

I learnt about dogwashes, where the canal path gradually erodes without intervention, and taking notes of blockages to the path or canal. Each week I wrote a short report of my findings to be submitted to the Lengthsman Coordinator.

One of the most rewarding parts of this experience was sharing it with my family.

What started as a supportive gesture soon became something we all enjoyed. Spending an hour or so outdoors, walking along the Canal and talking as we worked. Sometimes there

were games as we walked, the occasional diversion to the pub and sometimes I took the opportunity to turn up the pace when I was keen to just get it done!

The experience also contributed to my personal growth; volunteering taught me new skills, like how to work as part of a team, how to identify issues and write a report on them, good communication, and the importance of environmental conservation. It also showed me that change doesn’t happen instantly, and the work is never finished. The slow but steady progress taught me the value of persistence and patience.

I’m delighted to say that I completed both Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards and am really happy that the 9 months of volunteering for The Basingstoke Canal Society was part of the process; it was great to give back to the community, have time for more family connection surrounded by beautiful scenery, and a sense of pride at the results.”

Well done Charlie on succeeding in your Duke of Edinburgh award! You can see a selection of photos that Charlie took on the back page of this edition.

# From the Archives

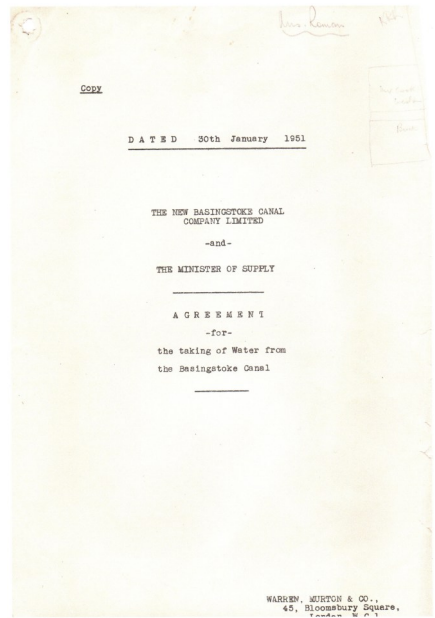
## The National Gas Turbine Establishment (Pyestock) and the Basingstoke Canal

Just west of the Norris Bridges, near Fleet, there remains a remnant of what was once a vital element in the history of the Basingstoke Canal. In the archives of the BCS there is a box that contains a host of material on this subject. This was the supply of canal water to the National Gas Turbine Establishment at Pyestock. Adjacent to the pump that supplied Pyestock is Gelvert Stream which culverts under the Canal and receives overflow water from the canal and then makes its way to Fleet Pond.



*The only remaining evidence of the pumping station to Pyestock from the canal.*

The supply of water to industries was not new: when A.J. Harmsworth was the owner of the Canal, water was sold to the gas and electrical companies in Woking for cooling purposes. But the operation at Pyestock was on an altogether larger scale. The National Gas Turbine Establishment (N.G.T.E.) was established near Fleet in 1942. However, its history goes back further than that - to 1926 and what was then the Royal Aircraft Establishment (R.A.E.). The key development was research into gas turbine engines as a practical powerplant and the realisation that such a facility would need immense amounts of water for cooling purposes. Construction of a new site at Pyestock began in 1949.



*The first page of the contract between the NBCC and the NGTE.*





# From the Archives (cont.)

The Ministry of Supply (which oversaw the project) wanted to be certain that the water supply was sufficient all-year round. The Canal Company was to be paid £5,000 annually for two years and after that they would be paid £3,000 annually and “an annual sum calculated at the rate of threepence for every One thousand gallons of water in excess of One million gallons of water taken by the Minister in each week”.

For the canal company this was a vital source of revenue. Mrs. Joan Marshall, the General Manager of the canal from 1949 to 1964, used to describe the income from the Pyestock Contract as the “Canal’s bread and butter”. I have calculated from the information in the BCS archives that the Canal Company received between 12<sup>th</sup> October 1950 and 25<sup>th</sup> December 1960 a total of just over £71,365. There would be further payments up until 1964. Mr. Weston, one of the two Directors of the N.B.C.C., calculated that the running costs of the canal were about £10,000 a year and since they were receiving an annual income of about £7,000 from the Contract this covered almost three-quarters of the canal’s needs. The remainder could be made up from mooring fees, fishing licences, boat licences, rents, etc.

However, matters were not quite as rosy as they appeared. From the very start of the negotiations the N.G.T.E. had its doubts as to whether the N.B.C.C. would be able to comply with all the terms of the 1951 Agreement. There was also a rival water supplier - The Mid-Wessex Water Board. It had supplied water to Pyestock from its earliest days but in relatively low amounts. They were keen to raise the

amounts although that would need new bore holes and pipes.

The Canal Company had won the Contract in 1949 as it could supply water more cheaply than the Mid-Wessex Water Board. Matters reached a crisis point in 1964. The Canal Company had requested increased rates previously and these had been settled through negotiations. However, in 1964 the Canal Company asked for a significant increase just at the time that Mid-Wessex had been granted permission to pump much larger amounts of water. The rate would be lower than that asked for by the canal company. The contract was lost and as a consequence, Mrs. Marshall either resigned or was sacked.

After the loss of the Pyestock Contract, the owners of the canal were unable to maintain it and it went into a spiral of decay. The Pyestock site was permanently closed in 2000 and is now in the process of being developed into Hartland Village. Very little remains of the original structures.

We hope that you will find the ‘From the Archives’ articles interesting and we are happy to receive requests and suggestions regarding what you the members would like us to write about. These can be sent to us at [archivist@basingstoke-canal.org.uk](mailto:archivist@basingstoke-canal.org.uk)

# Tuesday Work Party

Come rain or shine, our groups of working party volunteers regularly go out to do various general maintenance along the canal. One such group is the Tuesday Work Party - now known as the 'Tuesday Work Party + other projects' as the volunteers also help out the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA) on other work.

The role of the Group is to help with general maintenance along the Canal. It is an interesting volunteer role as you really get to see the whole length of the Canal through all the different seasons.

The volunteers work in conjunction with the BCA and the work ranges from cutting back vegetation along the towpath to the annual gate painting of all 29 locks. The group also gets involved in a huge variety of tasks, from helping remove the invasive Hydrocotyle weed work at the disused (but beautiful) Up Natley end of the canal, Odiham Castle, through to tidying up a Pillbox, Fleet, work at West Byfleet and filling in dog washes.

In recent months, the group has concentrated on the 'Winter Cut' to trim both sides of the towpath and clear the offside using one of the workboats. We use the workboat to take the group to the location, and help us reach the more remote offside bank. This work goes through until the end of March when we have the bird nesting season.

The work party days are organised by the BCA with the Society closely involved. The Society contributes around £6000 annually towards training costs and last year also bought new life jackets and safety throw lines for the BCA.

The working parties are popular and now we regularly have 20 to 24 volunteers. Support is provided by Volunteers' Leaders who help the BCA ranger Jayne run the day effectively and safely.

And let's not forget that while we have our sandwiches at lunchtime, Jayne provides Chocolate Hobnobs and Tunnocks Caramel Wafers - what more could a volunteer want?!

There is lots to do to maintain the canal and the Society is always looking for new Volunteers for Working Parties. If you know someone who may be interested, direct them to our website <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/>.

*Ken Sankey*

*Below: Tuesday Work Party clearing the towpath*



# Weekend Work Party Report

As reported in the previous edition we have been reinforcing the bank at Canal Cottage, Crookham, funded by the owner. The new bank edge / canoe launch point has a new wooden support held in place with some back piles to maintain stability as the bank is quite steep. To avoid wash out at the ends we installed a short turn back at the winding hole end and then back

filled both ends with clay to seal them off.

For most of the working weekends there the weather was quite pleasant but the final two were closely accompanied by storms Bert and Darragh, as you can see by the picture of the finished job, the rain on the Canal and the rather wet bank.



*Bank reinforcements at Crookham.*

# Duncan Paine

As we occasionally take advantage of the secure mooring at the cottage, we also replaced the collapsed mooring stage at the bottom of the garden, which will save us doing a leap of faith to get ashore.

After the Christmas break, we started on some off bank clearance work. The West End work party had left *Alan Flight* at the Barley Mow wharf so that we were able to start from there and travel downstream to Double Bridge.

We then started there clearing the off bank along to Blacksmiths Bridge. Not only did we clear normal growth but we also took down a number of dead trees before they fall down, although we left the two that were probably more than we are allowed, but within our chainsaw licence.



In the picture below, showing the weekend's work, you can clearly see a dead tree standing tall. Perhaps during the summer we will be allowed to remove these as they are obviously a risk to boaters and towpath users.

*Duncan Paine*



# Weekend Work Party

Thanks to Kevin Pizzey for these photos from recent Weekend Work Party activities.



*Results of some of our Bank clearance which started at Double Bridge - this picture is looking towards Blacksmiths Bridge*



*From the other side of Blacksmiths Bridge where we have exposed the previously hidden WW2 defences.*

# Water Voles

A walker spotted a trap like device in the water whilst walking along the north side of the Canal at Pirbright, about 150 meters from Calshot Bridge (Brookwood side). The walker sent an email to our enquiries inbox questioning the purpose of the trap, and if it had been placed there by the Basingstoke Canal Authority, or the Society. Fortunately, Tarun Ingvorsen, Operations Manager for the Basingstoke Canal Authority was able to respond with the answer – which is reproduced below:

“The Basingstoke Canal Authority are working with the Waterlife Recovery Trust and National Trust on a national Water Vole recovery project.

Alongside monitoring the Canal for signs of Water Voles and improving habitats for them, the project also seeks to control the invasive and highly predatory American Mink, the Water Vole’s main predator. As well as Water Voles, American Mink prey on a large number of species including birds (like Kingfishers and even Herons), lizards, reptiles, fish and other mammals.

Since their escape and release from fur farms into the British countryside they have decimated native species and almost made Water Voles extinct in the UK. The photo you have sent in is of a monitored cage trap – one of a handful we have placed out on the Canal for this project.”

So if you see one of the traps while out on a walk, you will now know its purpose.



*Images: Trap and Water Vole*

# Ash Railway Bridge Works

Thank you to Mat Randall, Owner/ Managing Director of Rebel Marine for the following article and the photos opposite showing the floating platform installed by his company, Rebel Marine.

“Safely maintaining the railway network infrastructure is a difficult task at the best of times. But when a rail bridge crosses a popular waterway that task becomes even more demanding.

Ash railway bridge, dating from the Victorian era, is currently undergoing important repairs and maintenance work, and where it goes over the Basingstoke Canal, extra challenges face the contractors working there.

First opened in 1794 to connect Basingstoke with the Thames, the Canal was a bustling commercial thoroughfare. Today the Canal is just as busy but instead of horse drawn barges we see kayaks, pleasure boats and walkers. As part of the works programme it was important that the tow-path remained accessible to users and that the works took place at a time of year when the Canal was less busy.

Rebel Marine, in partnership with Dyer and Butler and the Network Rail Southern Renewals Enterprise, were asked to provide a working-over-water safety solution.

Initially providing a floating platform from which surveyors could inspect the underside of the rail bridge, Rebel Marine were then tasked with providing a safe working platform underneath the entire bridge. From this a scaffolding team could come in

and erect a solid deck from which the engineers could then carry out the vital repairs, while keeping the tow-path open.

Using a modular pontoon system called Versadock, a floating pontoon spanning underneath the bridge was built and connected to a protected walkway from along the bank to give safe access to the workforce from the works compound. Safety boat cover was also provided for the team whilst working over the water.

As the works progress and extend to the bridge section over the tow-path a section of “floating footpath” will be installed on the canal, diverting around so that pedestrians can continue to enjoy their canal side walks.“

Find out more about Rebel Marine on their website: [www.RebelMarine.co.uk](http://www.RebelMarine.co.uk)



# Mat Randall



# News in Brief

## Bank repairs

Dogwashes (where dogs enter & exit the Canal) are destructive and dangerous to the canal banks.

The rangers and volunteers spend a large amount of time repairing these dogwashes.

As the Basingstoke Canal has a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) designation, these repairs have to be done in the most ecological way possible.

The Basingstoke Canal Authority manager, Tarun Ingvorsen, recently held “faggot” making lessons at the Eelmore stretch of the canal and these will be used in bank repairs or natural boundaries in accordance with SSSI preferences.

Volunteers & BCA rangers made the frame for making them, clearing an area of saplings so they had the materials to build the “faggots”.

With the other saplings that were cut these were left to become a haven for wildlife, particularly nesting birds.



# News in Brief

## Space for some archives?

The Society is looking to move the archives out of the Canal Centre as the room there is no longer suitable. The current archives project will most likely see a significant part of the archives being deposited at the Surrey History Centre in Woking. The transfer is expected to be within the next 2 years.

We are exploring various options for storage in the meantime and would like to ask if any member has suitable accommodation that they are willing to let us use for the next 2 years.

The storage would ideally be in the Farnborough area and needs to be at least the size of half a standard garage

but preferably larger. It needs to be dry and heated in winter. Therefore it is unlikely that a garage would be suitable.

It also needs to be easily accessible by the Archives Team who will need day time access on a Wednesday morning and ideally at other times to be agreed.

The Society will if necessary provide shelving and will insure the items being stored.

If you can help please contact Peter Whitlock of the Archives Team at [peter.whitlock@basingstoke-canal.org.uk](mailto:peter.whitlock@basingstoke-canal.org.uk).

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## Waterway Restoration Conference

The 2025 Annual Restoration Conference, jointly organised by The Inland Waterways Association and Canal & River Trust, is taking place on **Saturday 26th April 2025** at the National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.

This year's Conference will focus on the challenges of delivering sustainable restorations from different viewpoints, featuring a line up of experienced speakers.

Presentations and seminars will include the Grand Union Canal water transfer project and wider implications of water transfer for restoration.

Youth Engagement in restoration will be looked at through a deep dive on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. A strong focus will be given to the Restoration for the Future, and what sustainable plans and designs will need to consider going forward while also ensuring a commitment to heritage preservation.

To find out more about the Conference, visit the website:

<https://waterways.org.uk/support/ways-to-get-involved/events/waterway-restoration-conference-2025>

If you have any questions email [verena.leonardini@waterways.org.uk](mailto:verena.leonardini@waterways.org.uk) or call 01494 783 453 Ext 607.

# Events Team

## Late 2024 Events

**Thursday 7th November** – Working Together for Woking. This volunteering event at Woking Leisure Centre was well attended by both charities and visitors. The event gave an opportunity to talk with other charities, organisations and the local MP, Mr Will Forster, leading to a discussion about making people aware of the Canal and the current challenges.

**Monday 11th November** – Volunteer North Hampshire Trustee event. Most of the visitors, including the local MP were invited to this event at The Elvetham and were well informed about the local charities.

**Wednesday 27th November** – Fleet Christmas Festivities. A very busy event, with lots of visitors.

**Saturday 30th November** – Ash Christmas Fantasia. We had a table in the busy community centre during the afternoon before the Christmas lights were switched on.

**Saturday 7th December** – Hart Shopping Centre. This annual stall was very successful. We had lots of visitors to our stall where we sold many calendars, cards, books and Christmas crafts.

Unfortunately the Frimley Green Christmas Fayre, was cancelled due to a forecast of storm winds.



*Volunteers Chris Bard (left) and Ken Sankey (right) at the Woking Volunteer Event*

# Forthcoming Events

Below you can see a list of forthcoming events, There are too many to list on one page, but these can only take place if we have enough volunteers to transport, set up and run the stalls. You would be most welcome if you have an hour or two to spare to help at an event near you. Please give me a call or drop me a message.

*Heather Sloane - Events Coordinator*  
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Sat.12th April	Thornycroft Day- Brookvale Village Hall, Basingstoke	BCS Exhibition, featuring the 'Last 5 Miles' proposal.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Chobham Carnival Parade and stalls	Chobham Recreation Fields - a new event for us, close to the venue for canal talks.
Sun 11th May	Basingstoke Festival of Transport. Memorial Park.	Large car show of around 900 vehicles. Classic cars and vintage service vehicles.
Sat 17th May	Dummer Down Farm, Basingstoke, RG25 2AR.	BEASTLY, annual scout and guide event. Stall and activity.
Mon 26th May	Farnborough Donkey Derby, King George V Playing Fields.	The Rotary Clubs of Farnborough and Rushmoor annual event.
Saturday 7th June	Victoria Day, at Princes Gardens & Aldershot Town	A colourful parade & family event on the theme of "Wonderful Water"
Sat. 14th June	Hartley Wintney Festival, On The Green	A new event for us.
Sat. 21st June	St John's Village Fete, St John's Lye, Woking	An annual event run by St John's Scout Group
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Ash Village Fete, Ash Centre,	Ash Parish Council have chosen to sponsor The BCS for 2025.
<i>TBC</i>	Zebon Copse Residents' Association Fete.	Community Centre, Danvers Drive, Church Crookham. Stall & game
Sat. 12th July	Pyrford & Wisley Village Flower Show, Pyrford Cricket Club.	Stall & game - there is music in the evening.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Frimley Green Carnival, Frimley Green	Stall

# Off their trolleys

Over the years the subject of shopping trolleys in canals has often been mentioned, so last year in Woking we recorded the number we found between Parley Drive Bridge and Monument Bridge.

In total we recovered 15 trollies worth around £2,700. All were returned by either BCA staff or BCS volunteers to their owners in whatever state we found them.

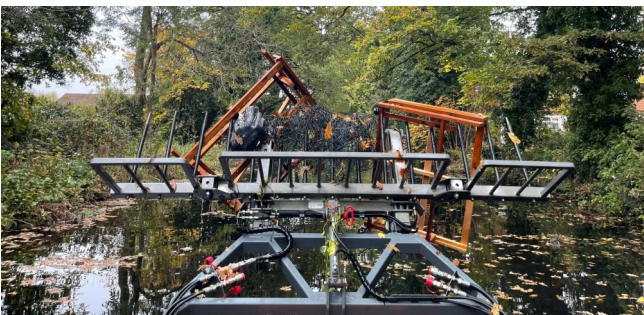
Morrisons have 'lost' the most with 8 recovered, while Aldi's travelled the furthest from Lion Retail Park to Parley Drive Bridge and distance of 2.5 miles.

Asda 'lost' 3, with the balance coming from M&S, the Co-Op and Waitrose.

We have used the Conver Weed Cutter to lift them out as illustrated in the photo otherwise we use grappling hooks (far harder!).

Over the year we have also removed rolls of fencing netting, plus a bed as shown in the photo below. The mattress had sunk and it took three strong volunteers to lift it out and into the workboat. The rest of the bedroom furniture, chest of drawers etc, was also recovered.

*Ian Moore*



*What a haul! Conver Weed Cutter being put to use to recover items disposed of in the canal.*

# BCS Information

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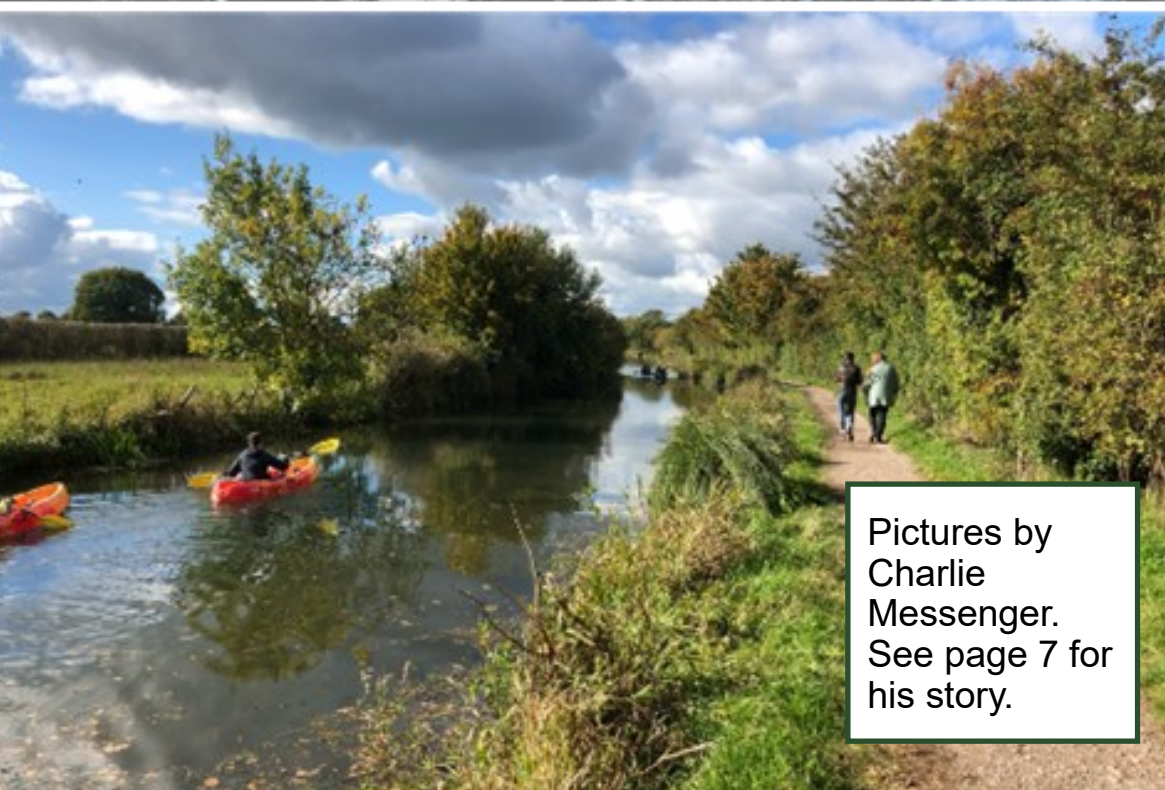
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