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Welcome to the Chesterfield Canal Partnership bulletin. Our purpose is to keep you informed about our work towards the full restoration and further development of the Chesterfield Canal through Nottinghamshire, Rotherham and Derbyshire.

## Partnership Gets Top Marks!

**IWAC Confirms Chesterfield Canal's status as project of national importance and ready to fund.**

The Chesterfield Canal restoration has been highlighted as one of the leading waterway projects in England, Wales and Scotland in a report delivered by the government's advisory body, the Inland Waterways Advisory Council (IWAC).

Canal restoration is a national growth industry and success story. In the last two decades over 200 miles of canals have been restored and put back into public use. Currently over one hundred and thirty restoration schemes nationwide are encouraging a renaissance of interest and growth in our inland navigation system unequalled since the eighteenth century.

As one of only nine nationally important schemes deemed ready to fund the report confirms the Chesterfield Canal Partnership as one of the premier projects in England. The authoritative IWAC review recognises our dynamic hard working partnership, already achieving measurable results in both restoration of the canal and regeneration of surrounding communities.

The significance of this cannot be underestimated as it

will instil confidence in our prospective funders.

Quoting directly from the report, IWAC states:

*"Council applauds further significant progress since last review, including funding and completion in 2002 of the whole 9km British Waterways length (with 22 listed locks), east of Norwood Tunnel, securing the line through Kiveton Park Colliery site, replacing culverted crossings, numerous other improvement projects and professional reports on integrated engineering/design, route feasibility for Rother Link, water resources, environmental impact, land assembly, heritage, economic and social benefits etc.. Partnership working and project management also impressively strengthened as evidenced by funding bid successes. Partnership approach of dealing with*

*ongoing restoration work in achievable sections, costing and negotiating each in turn, is also applauded and will be applied to Rother Link when route selected.*

*RDAs funding secured for report on engineering solution to Norwood Tunnel stretch, the only part of original canal not yet in hand. More restored lengths, bridge raising, planning gain regeneration projects, among others, are programmed for next three years. In a number of respects this is a model restoration project"*

The Chesterfield Canal Partnership warmly welcomes the report's recognition of the professionalism, commitment and achievements of our members. We are delighted that IWAC shares in our confidence for the future.

### Killamarsh to Kiveton Study Kicks Off

**Engineering consultants Arup have commenced a detailed study on the replacement of the partially collapsed Norwood Tunnel.**

Funded by Yorkshire Forward this major study will finalise the route and develop plans for the link between the Canal in Derbyshire and the rest of the national system.



Norwood - The blocked eastern portal.

Inland waterway restoration & development projects in England, Wales & Scotland



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#### Why "Upgate & Downgate"?

Our bulletin takes its title from the book by the late Ernest "Boatie" Clark, one of the last Chesterfield horse-boatmen. His book records life up and down the cut and is a unique and fascinating account of the working canal.

# A Roadmap to a "Waterway for All"



A summary of the Partnership's exciting vision for the future of the Chesterfield Canal was launched this autumn.

The 20/20 Vision Summary provides quick access to the main themes and conclusions of the Partnership report 20/20 Vision: A Strategy for the Restoration and Development of the Chesterfield Canal. The illustrated 16 page Summary sets out:

- The aims of the Partnership
- The case for restoration and development
- The achievements to date including progress

in restoration & studies undertaken

- The main restoration challenges and their possible solutions
- The way forward and strategies for funding

The summary shows how realistic and achievable are the Partnership's goals and sets a clear direction to our future work. Anyone wanting to understand the Partnership should start here!

Copies of the 20/20 Vision Summary can be obtained by contacting the Partnership Office (address on back page).



## Chesterfield Waterside Progress

The ambitious project to create an entirely new waterside quarter and canal terminus in Chesterfield has taken a major step forward with the formation of a development partnership between Arnold Lavers Plc, Bolsterstone Plc and Chesterfield Borough Council.

Based on an idea by the Chesterfield Canal Partnership, the Waterside scheme is making rapid progress; initial designs for the new terminal basin were recently exhibited and an application for planning permission for phase one will be made shortly.



## Markham Vale Boosts Canal

The largest economic regeneration programme in North Derbyshire is set to give the Chesterfield Canal a major boost by removing three potential blockages to progress through Staveley and constructing a further half mile of canal.

Derbyshire County Council's *Markham Vale Project* has now let contracts for the construction of a new motorway junction and associated loop road around the north of Staveley; this will raise the dropped Hall

Lane Bridge, create a new bridge over the canal line for the loop road and replace the life expired Eckington Road Bridge. Construction work is now underway and is expected to be complete by 2009.



# Partnership Wins Waterways Oscar!

In March the Chesterfield Canal Partnership won a prestigious national award for promoting the restoration and development of the Chesterfield Canal.

Run by the Waterways Trust and the British Urban Regeneration Association the annual Waterways Renaissance Awards seek to recognise and encourage best practice in sustainable waterway development and regeneration throughout the UK.

At a ceremony in Manchester, the Chesterfield Canal Partnership beat off stiff competition to win the Partnership Category.

Presenting the award the Waterways Trust Vice-President John Craven said that in the judges view "This is a very effective partnership...the relationship between the public and the voluntary sector has been crucial and has shown the value and wealth of experience that the voluntary sector can bring to a project such as this."

Roger Hanbury, Chief Executive of The Waterways Trust, said: "The modern renaissance of our waterways is transforming the environment, creating



education and business opportunities, injecting new life into areas and bringing communities together. As a winner of the Partnership category, Chesterfield

Canal Partnership is properly recognised as an exemplar and we hope its success will inspire and encourage others to do the same."



Representatives of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership received the Waterways Renaissance Award at a ceremony in the Imperial War Museum North on Salford Quays.

**From Left to Right:**

*Cathy Cook (DCC), Cllr. Harold Laws (NEDDC, Chair of the CCP), Geraint Coles (CCP Development Manager), Cllr. Sheila Place (NCC), Cllr. Michael Story (NCC, Chair Elect of the CCP), John Nuttall (BW) and David Trickett (CCT).*

*John Lower was taking the photograph.*

## Tourism & Leisure Investment Welcomed

**Tourism Infrastructure Fund enables planning for removal of the last blockages between Staveley and Renishaw.**

The Alliance Sub-regional Strategic Partnership is to fund the detailed engineering design on the new Doe Lea aqueduct and the drop lock & bridge required to get under the railway in Staveley.

**Best Foot Forward in Killamarsh**

Funding is in place to build a new footpath network – the Killamarsh Greenway -- within the village using the line of the canal towpath. This will provide off road links between outlying housing and the shops, library, sports centre and the schools. Work is now underway and should be finished by the spring.

**Seth Ellis celebrates two years on the water**

Congratulations to the hard working crew of the Chesterfield Canal Trust's trip boat Seth Ellis which clocked up two years on the 23rd May. During that time the purpose equipped narrowboat, based at Retford in Nottinghamshire, has carried over 2500 passengers among them leading County and District Councillors and, of course, the Mayor of Retford.





# Kiveton Waters Open and Already a Winner!

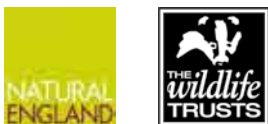
British Waterways has worked in partnership with Renaissance South Yorkshire and Yorkshire Forward to identify a long-term, sustainable solution for the regeneration of the derelict former Kiveton Park Colliery Site.

Waterways Renaissance Awards in recognition of the contribution it has made to enhancing the use and enjoyment of the waterway as a visitor attraction.

Caroline Killeavy, General Manager for British Waterways in the East Midlands said;

“We are proud of what has been achieved at Kiveton Waters and we hope that this former colliery site can maintain a central role at the heart of the local community. We are also extremely grateful to our partners for their support”.

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The result is Kiveton Waters, a ten acre site comprising 3 fishing lakes (stocked with a variety of species including Tench, Carp, Roach, Rudd and other silver fish), 78 fishing pegs, an amenity block and extensive car parking.

The local community has been heavily engaged in the project and Kiveton Waters has quickly become a valued community resource. The site is designed to be inclusive to all and there are several pegs designed specifically for less able bodied anglers. The site is also popular with walkers seeking a quiet walk in peaceful surroundings. Kiveton Waters was recently named runner-up in the Recreation category of the 2007



## A trailer for our Trailer

In July the Canal Trust & Canal Partnership took delivery of a purpose built display trailer from Marco in West Sussex. A joint project of the Canal Trust and Canal Partnership and generously supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund Awards for All scheme the display trailer will be used to promote the Canal at events throughout the country. - More in the next edition.

## STOP PRESS!

### Funding secured for Renishaw Restoration

With major grants from the European Regional Development Fund through the East Midlands Development Agency and Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), sufficient funding has now been gained to commence canal reinstatement works at Renishaw – More in the Next Edition.

Partnership Secures funding from Alliance SSP for Staveley Town Basin Phase One - More in Next Edition.

Further Funding secured from Alliance SSP to move water and sewage pipes at Spinkhill and Renishaw - More in next edition.

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*The Chesterfield Canal Partnership champions and co-ordinates the preservation, restoration and sustainable development of the Canal for its historical, ecological and recreational value and for its potential to attract tourism and business development.*

For more information on the canal please visit the Chesterfield Canal Trust Website at

<http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk>

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