

IWA RESTORATION COMMITTEE SURVEY 2009

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) is a registered charity whose objects are for the public benefit to advocate the conservation, use, maintenance, development and restoration of the inland waterways of the British Isles. The restoration aspects are largely advocated through IWA's Restoration Committee (ResCom) which aims for the further restoration of formerly navigable waterways and the construction of new navigations by:

advocating, in all practical ways, their restoration to full use,
assisting those seeking advice or support on waterway restoration, and
publishing information and promoting communication within and beyond the restoration movement

The Committee offers advice in the fields of planning, organisation, administration, engineering, promotion, publicity, finance and economics but it does not provide assistance with physical restoration.

IWA is keen to maintain up to date information about the national restoration scene and we would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire in respect of your Society or Trust. The completed database will provide up to date information, and reveal trends, for IWA to use in its national lobbying. It will also enable IWA to determine where best to devote its efforts, not only in campaigning but also providing help to the restoration movement for example in the form of education and training as well as acting as a centre of expertise. A number of questions are related to how useful you find IWA's efforts and more importantly how they might be improved. Your answers will be very important to us because in these lean times for restoration we are anxious to focus our modest efforts where they can make the most difference. Your answers will be made available to IWA Board of Trustees and ResCom members exactly as you enter them. It should be stressed that this data will not be used to influence individual IWA financial or other direct support to responding organisations - that will always be as a result of separate submissions. Your answers may be used as a basis of IWA or ResCom comments should any funding organisation seek our advice on the merits of any restoration project submitted by your organisation. However, release of data from the survey to any party outside IWA will only be in a form that prevents identification of respondents.

Similar surveys were undertaken in 1995 and 2002. To ensure that comparisons between the responses to the surveys are valid the wording of the questions in this survey is changed as little as possible from that of 2002 and 1995. To simplify the task of respondents in completing this survey we are providing you with a photocopy of your organisation's completed 2002 survey answer sheet, which you may wish to use as a basis for updated figures.

Please make any necessary corrections to the contact address label stuck to the yellow response sheet. This will enable us to keep our records up-to-date. If another person should be completing this questionnaire on behalf of your organisation please forward it to them.

Please record on the yellow sheet your answers to all the questions that follow. If you don't know the answer then enter 'Unknown' or a reasonable estimate qualified by 'Approx'. Where you are asked to give a dimension please delete either the metric or imperial unit as appropriate. If your organisation promotes the restoration of several, originally separate, canals please make copies of the response forms and return one for each canal or else include all the canals on one form (as seems most appropriate to you).

Your responses to the series of questions on the blue pages will assist with the development of a national heritage skills training initiative for inland waterways.

Your responses to the series of questions on the green sheet will allow us to review our own priorities so that we may adapt to best serve the needs of waterway restoration. The green sheet will be assessed separately from the main questionnaire. We really do value your honest opinion and you may return the green sheet anonymously in a separate envelope if you wish.

You should only return the green, yellow and blue pages. Please keep this questionnaire for reference. (We will send every respondent a copy of the statistical analysis of yellow responses; but not a duplicate questionnaire).

Your responses should arrive (in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope) on or before **31st August 2009**. The return address is:- IWA ResCom Survey, Island House, Moor Road, Chesham HP5 1WA

- A1. What is the full name of the Waterway
- A2. What was the total originally constructed length of the waterway ?
- A3. How many locks were originally constructed on the waterway ?
- A4. How many public roads now cross the waterway ?
- A5. What length has ever been closed to navigation ? Φ
- A6. How many locks have ever been closed to navigation ? Φ
- A7. How many public road bridges have ever been culverted or embanked ?
- A8. What is the total length now fully navigable ? * (Include isolated lengths over ¼mile (400m) long.)
- A9. How many locks are now fully operational ? *
- A10. How many locks only require regating to become fully operational ? *
- A11. How many public road bridges are now fully navigable ? *
- A12. What is now the longest continuously navigable length ? * #
- A13. What length do you propose should become fully navigable ? * #
- A14. How many locks do you propose will become fully operational ? *
- A15. Please enter your best estimate of the year when you expect the waterway to be fully navigable* over the entire length that you propose should be restored.

Φ Other than temporary closures for repairs, etc.

* By craft of the standard in your response to question I5. Include where operational, but use is deliberately restricted for environmental or other policy reasons.

Include any length that has always been navigable. If it is connected to the national system or the sea then add 'connected'.

B1. What is the estimated total cost of the proposed restoration of the waterway were it all to be done by contractor without volunteer labour ? (Please also enter the year in which the estimate was made and add a tick if the estimate included planning, design and technical supervision.)

B2. Who made this estimate and what are their qualifications ?

B3. Do you have access to professional engineering and planning advice ? (Give brief details.)

In round figures, what is the value of restoration work, done since the estimate in B1, funded by:-

B4. Voluntary contributions and labour (including professional/technical) ? @

B5. Government and Local Authorities ? **

B6. Commercial sponsorship or development ? ##

In very round figures, what is the value of restoration work funded in the last three years by :-

B7. Voluntary contributions and labour (including professional/technical)? @

B8. Government and Local Authorities ? **

B9. Commercial sponsorship or development ? ##

B10. What are the major obstructions and what plans do you have for their removal ?

What are the approximate costs, dates, and means ?

(Please do not go to great lengths about detail. Write one line per obstruction. eg:-

Reed Beds 2015-18 £280,000 Volunteer dredgers

2 Road bridges 2010-15 £2,000,000 Landfill tax rebate

@ Cost labour at £5 per hour (or use HLF rates and state you have done so).

** Include BLF, ERDF, RDFs (and funds committed not yet spent).

Include Landfill Tax Rebates and Section 106 agreements

- C1. What is the approximate population living within 5 miles (8km) of the route of the waterway ?
(An estimate to within 20% is sufficient.)
- C2. What is the average unemployment rate along the route of the waterway ?
(Again, please don't spend too long on this; but your estimate should be within 1%. The information is available on the web (use search-engine for "Regional Trends").)

What length(s) that are navigable, or proposed to be, can be described by each of the following ?
(Do not apply two descriptions to the same length.)

- C3. Derelict industrial
C4. Industrial
C5. Urban
C6. Suburban
C7. Rural

- C8. Does any part of the waterway lie within an area that has EU assisted area status ?

- D1. In what year was your organisation (or its direct predecessor) founded ?
(ie When were officers first elected ?)
- D2. In what year did towpath clearance, manual reed pulling or minor repair work start.
- D3. In what year did major work leading to navigable standards for the craft defined in I5 start.
- D4. If activity has ceased for over a year then please enter the number of years of suspension.
- D5. What is your total membership?
(Count family memberships as two individuals; company or society memberships as four.)
- D6. How many educational / social meetings for members do you hold per year ?
(Count all meetings that are advertised to your members and free to them; whether or not there is a guest speaker or formal discussion.)
- D7. What is your individual annual subscription ?
- D8. If a magazine is distributed free of charge to all your members then please give its name.
(Otherwise go to D13)
- D9. How many issues per year ?
- D10. How many pages in a typical issue ?
- D11. Does it take paid ads other than small ads ?
- D12. Does every issue have one or more pages in full colour ?
- D13. How many full-time equivalent staff are employed by your organisation or its subsidiary companies?
- D14. Do you have a business plan ?
- D15. Do you have an organisational structure ? (Please attach it if you can.)
- D16. Is most restoration work done by:-
a) A subsidiary limited company
b) A formal partnership or restoration trust comprising local authorities, BW, NRA, others
c) Local authorities alone
d) Navigation authority or Company of canal proprietors
e) Your organisation
f) The Waterways Trust
g) others please specify

- E1. How many Public Meetings have you arranged and advertised in the last three years ?
- E2. How many Information/Interpretation Boards have you erected in the last three years ?
- E3. How many different press-releases have you sent to your local papers in the past year ?
- E4. How many issues of local newspapers have mentioned your restoration in the past year?
(Exclude Adverts.)
- E5. How many trip-boats do you operate at advertised times on at least twelve weekends per year?
- E6. Do you run a trip boat advertised for private party hire ?
(Please give the booking phone number (which will be included in the published analysis).)
- E7. What length of the waterway ever had a towpath ?
- E8. What length of towpath was open to the public when restoration started ?
- E9. What length of towpath is currently open to the public ?
- E10. What length of closed towpath has been re-opened to public use in the past three years ?
- E11. What length is covered by a fishing rental / fishery management agreement ?
- E12. What length is proposed to be covered by a fishing rental / fishery management agreement ?
- E13. Please ring the appropriate letter to indicate which of the following bodies your officers have contacted
(letter, phone or meeting) in the past three years ? :-
- a) Government Departments: eg DEFRA / DCLG
 - b) English Partnerships
 - c) Regional Development Agency
 - d) Country Land and Business Association (CLA)
 - e) National Farmers Union
 - f) Natural England
 - g) *(Unused)*
 - h) Regional Tourist Board
 - i) Regional Council for Sport and Recreation
 - j) Ramblers Association
 - a) Local Boat Clubs
 - b) Cyclists Touring Club / Sustrans (or local equivalent)
 - c) British Canoe Union (or local equivalent)
 - d) Big Lottery Fund
 - e) ENTRUST
- E14. Do you have a standard publicity/membership application leaflet ? Please attach a copy.
- F1. Do you know the names and addresses of the owners of all land on the route ?
- F1a. If so, what length of the canal is in the ownership (including 99 year lease) of:-
- a) Your organisation or a subsidiary or directly allied body
 - b) The Local Authority
 - c) Private individuals or bodies with a formal commitment to restoration/use.
 - d) Private individuals or bodies without a formal commitment.
- F2. Have you plans/details of all the main services crossing the canal ?
- F3. Have you corresponded with Environment Agency in the past three years ?
(Please mention principal topic.)
- F4. How many 'Southern' or 'Northern Canals' meetings have your representatives attended in the past three years ?

G1. If a benefits study has been made of the total restoration then state who carried it out ?

State the additional local income the study suggests would arise from the restoration due to the following. If there has been no study then please enter your estimates of which would provide the greatest primary benefits (1=Greatest, 6=Least)

- G2. Boating
- G3. Fishing
- G4. Cycling
- G5. Walking
- G6. Informal visits
- G7. Other

Please enter the total expected number of riparian developments for each of the following.
(Include developments created since restoration started.)

- G8. Number of hire bases
- G9. Number of off-line moorings
- G10. Number of units of waterside housing
- G11. Number of waterside shops / pubs
- G12. Number of water-related businesses

G13. Please enter the total number of full time equivalent jobs that restoration would generate ?

H1. How many County Councils or Unitary Authorities are on the route of the waterway?

H2. How many Borough, District and Unitary councils are on the route of the waterway ?

H3. How many of these councils have stated **in writing** that they support the principle of restoration ?

H4. What proportion of the total length of the waterway is specifically protected by the Local Development Framework (or Local Plan or Unitary Development Plan) from developments likely to hinder restoration ?

H5. How many of the Councils have provided direct assistance **to the restoration** in the form of technical advice, plant, materials or finance worth over £10,000 in total in the last three years ? (Exclude expenditure on related environmental improvements or on buildings and structures not essential to operation of the waterway.)

H6. How many of the Councils are members of a trust or partnership established to promote restoration ?

H7. Over what length do Councils already fund maintenance of the restored waterway ?

H8. Over what length have Councils given **a written** undertaking to fund maintenance of the restored waterway ? (Exclude lengths where they are already funding.)

H9. Do you circulate your magazine to members of all the District councils on your route ?

H10. Do you formally meet at least once a year with the members of all your riparian councils ?
(If the councils are members of a Restoration Trust the answer is 'Yes'.)

H11. Do you formally meet at least twice a year with the Recreation Officers and Planning Officers of all the Borough, District, Unitary or Metropolitan councils on your route ?

H12. Do you send your magazine to all the members of town and parish councils on your route ?

- I1. At how many points (at least ¼mile (400m) apart) does the waterway join different navigable waterways which form part of the interconnected 'national' system.
- I2. At how many points (at least ¼mile (400m) apart) does the waterway join different navigable waterways not connected to the 'national' system.
- I3. At how many points (at least ¼mile (400m) apart) does the waterway join unnavigable waterways that were originally at least two miles (3.2km) long.
- I4. How many of the connections defined in I1 and I2 above are to tidal water ?
- I5. Ring to indicate the largest craft able to use the restored waterway :-
 - a) Seagoing
 - b) Broad (over 12 ft beam)
 - c) Narrow (at least 7ft beam)
 - d) Tubboat
 - e) Canoes(If the waterway has several gauges then please indicate the length of each.)

- J1. What total length of the waterway lies within a designated National Park ?
- J2. What total length of the waterway lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) ?
- J3. What total length of the waterway lies alongside a Conservation Area ?
- J4. How many museums, craft workshops, theme parks, and amusement parks (that are opened at advertised times to the public) lie within 1 mile of the waterway ?
- J5. How many buildings directly adjacent to the waterway are listed Grade 1 or Grade 2* ?
(Attach a list if one is available.)
- J6. Roughly how many buildings directly adjacent to the waterway are listed Grade 2 ?
- J7. What length of the waterway is, or lies directly alongside, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Ramsar site or a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) ? (Count each length once only).
- J8. What length of the waterway is, or lies directly alongside, a Site of Biological Interest (SBI) or local nature/wildlife reserve ? (Count each length once only).
- J9. What floor area of building (over 100 years old) has been restored as part of the restoration?
- J10. What area of designated nature reserve has been created as part of the restoration ?

- K0. Please attach to the yellow sheet any brochure describing projects that you have carried out in the past three years or projects that you intend to carry out in the next three years.
(Please do not send reams of detail, a page or two is what we seek. If you have no suitable material to send then please do not go to any effort to create any for this survey; though perhaps you should consider creating some for your own publicity purposes.