

Anglian Waterways Under Threat of Closure

IWA has issued a strong warning that potential long-term closures of Environment Agency waterways in East Anglia will be resisted by waterway users. IWA has seen documents that reveal EA is prepared to make long-term closures of navigation assets. EA admits that this is the inevitable consequence of its underfunding problems, which IWA has been campaigning about for many years.

In the minutes of a meeting between EA and CRT about the proposed transfer of EA waterways, brought to our attention by a concerned waterway user following a Freedom of Information request, EA stated that some navigations in their Anglian Region (which includes the Great Ouse and River Nene) may have to be closed to navigation on health and safety grounds.

Three locks in the region are already closed with EA admitting that it is unable to reopen them due to current funding restraints. It is only a matter of time before further navigation assets are closed, potentially on waterways that are well used and provide links or through routes to other waterways, a situation that IWA regards as unacceptable. The



Photo by Catherine Buck: Great Ouse, Ely - a waterway under threat?

Anglian Water Act 1977 provides a Right of Navigation on most of these waterways and IWA considers that EA cannot simply ignore its legal duties.

Les Etheridge, IWA national chairman, said "Whether or not EA's waterways are transferred to CRT, these navigations need to receive increased funding from Government in order to halt the progressive deterioration that is currently taking place. IWA's wish to see the EA navigations transferred to CRT has always been conditional upon sufficient funding being provided and threats of closure to currently navigable waterways are simply unacceptable. Waterways provide far too much to the nation in terms of health benefits, recreation and regeneration for this to be a sensible option and we must not allow it to happen. Now is the time for boaters to make their voice heard and we need your

help. If you live near, or boat on, any of the EA Anglian waterways, please write to your local MP and the relevant local authority in order to make them aware of your concerns. Letter templates are available on the IWA website. Your support will be vital as politicians need to understand that waterway supporters are not prepared to just sit there whilst waterways close around them".

Suggestions of who to write to can be obtained by emailing Alison Smedley, Campaigns Officer at alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk Please copy any letters to Alison so that IWA is aware of the level of support for the campaign.

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IWA News

IWA National Awards Nominations

IWA is looking for nominations for its annual National Awards. Nominations are invited from members, branches and regions and should be emailed to awards@waterways.org.uk by 31st March. Nominations should state which award is appropriate and how the nominee's contribution relates to the award criteria. The names and contact details of the nominator and nominee should also be provided.

The award categories are as follows:

Cyril Styring Trophy – for an IWA member who has, in the opinion of trustees, made an outstanding contribution to further the Association's campaign. This is the Association's premier award.

John Heap Salver – for an IWA member who, in the opinion of the trustees, has made an outstanding contribution to raising funds for the Association.

Richard Bird Medal – for members of the Association whose efforts and support are considered to have brought significant benefit to the Association over a sustained period.

Christopher Power Prize – for a person, society or trust who has made the most significant contribution to the restoration of an inland waterway.

Vivian Bulkeley-Johnson Salt – for the person or organisation who, in the opinion of trustees, upon a recommendation from IWA's Inland Waterways Freight Group, has made an outstanding contribution to the furtherance of commercial waterways transport in the United Kingdom.

Award nominations will be considered by an Awards Panel nominated by trustees, and recommendations made to trustees for final approval.

IWA's Response to Towpath Use Survey

IWA has submitted a response to Canal & River Trust's consultation on "Better Towpaths for Everyone - Running and Cycling on Towpaths". Among the answers to the questions, which were answered on behalf of IWA members and all users of the waterways, IWA made the following suggestions for what more could be done to encourage people to slow down: More should be done to highlight the dangers to cyclists themselves, as well as other users of the towpaths, though discrete signage where appropriate. Where towpaths are being improved (which would allow cyclists to travel faster) narrowings of the towpath such as through tunnels and under bridges should be used as natural barriers to make cyclists slow down. Messages about appropriate use (eg slowing down when approaching other users, dismounting under bridges, using a bell or horn, remembering that pedestrians have priority, being aware of boat crews operating

locks or bridges or stepping off a boat onto the towpath, slowing down or dismounting around locks or blind bends, etc) should be promoted to cyclists generally through cycling magazines/websites. It is no good just relying on CRT/ waterway websites to promote the messages as many cyclists won't see these. Cycling clubs should be asked to avoid group cycling or races along towpaths.

Reminder - IWA's Restoration Workshop

IWA and CRT are running a workshop to provide support for waterway restoration projects. The theme of this year's workshop is 'Fit for Purpose'. This workshop will be held on Saturday 1st April in Wolverhampton and will look at topics such as: looking forward; succession planning and sustainability; marketing and communication; volunteer workforce; IWA's Restoration Hub and health & safety.

The aim of the workshop is to ensure that local waterways societies and trusts have more support and information to assist in the development of their schemes. The day promises to be fun, varied and informative. It is an opportunity for those passionate about waterway restoration to come together and share and discuss ideas.

Bring a friend! We are keen to encourage new faces into the canal restoration movement and so an additional space is available to each canal restoration group so they can

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bring along a new volunteer who is interested in getting more involved.

More details about this event are available on IWA's restoration workshop web page.

Come and Join Us as a Volunteer Engagement Officer

This is an exciting opportunity to work for one of the leading waterway charities. For more than 70 years, we have campaigned to keep Britain's waterways alive. Over the next 5 years we have clear objectives to increase IWA's visibility across the waterways network and expand the range and depth of activities our volunteers are engaged in at branch level. We want to inject new pride in the work of IWA, to broaden the number of volunteers working with the Association and embed a brand new campaign to stir the nation to Love our Waterways - an exciting new theme.

We are looking for someone to join us on this journey who is passionate about effectively engaging, involving and supporting our members and volunteers at a grassroots level.

The successful candidate's main focus will be to support our network of 33 branches, grow our volunteer engagement and encourage more of our waterways supporters to get involved. You will be expected to help branches organise volunteering activities that will increase the amount of activity IWA delivers and help us ignite a

fresh passion and connection to the waterways.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an energetic and experienced professional to work with IWA to help us re-energise our branch network and implement our 5 year plan. This position would suit someone who has excellent written and verbal communication skills, lots of initiative and who wants to learn and take responsibility quickly.

The role will involve travelling and some out of office hours work (evenings and weekends).

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 9am on Monday 6th February.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 16th February** at our Chesham office.

Download full vacancy pack and application form on the IWA website.

IWA's Concerns About Proposals for the Edgbaston Tunnel

CRT has consulted local waterway organisations on proposals by Birmingham City Council to fund works to increase the width of the towpath through Edgbaston Tunnel on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, as a result of increased pedestrian use. This would have the effect of reducing the navigable width of the tunnel and would result in a change from two way to single way working, as there would no longer be room for two boats

to pass in the tunnel.

IWA has written to CRT to object to this proposal for the following reasons:-

- It could set a precedent for the loss of navigable width through other tunnels with towpaths, or indeed in any location where the local authority felt that they would like more space for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Safety of pedestrians - people walking through the tunnel will be more at risk from speeding cyclists if the towpath is widened. Cyclists should always be prepared to dismount at bridges and tunnels and the widening of the towpath at this location will do nothing to encourage this.
- Safety of boaters – the Worcester & Birmingham Canal is very shallow through the Edgbaston area. Reducing the tunnel to single way working will require boats to hold back to allow oncoming boats to come through, which may result in deeper draughted boats going aground and potentially swinging across the channel in front of the oncoming boat. Dredging and bollards to provide a waiting area at each end of the tunnel would be useful regardless of the outcome of this consultation.
- Pinchpoint - reducing the navigable width through the tunnel would create a new pinchpoint on this stretch of canal which is contrary to IWA policy. The Worcester & Birmingham Canal was originally conceived as a broad waterway, and the 14

mile summit pound (including Edgbaston Tunnel) was built to broad dimensions, although the locks on the canal were subsequently built narrow.

- Heritage - although Edgbaston Tunnel does not have Listed building status, it is a significant heritage structure and as such the historic dimensions of the tunnel should not be altered.

Instead of widening the towpath, IWA has suggested to CRT that the Birmingham City Council funding for the project should be used to improve the lighting through the tunnel as well as replacing the railings and moving them closer to the waters' edge (the current railings are set into the towpath by about 1 ft/30cm) in order to widen the towpath without reducing the width of the channel. This would have the added benefit of allowing a design of railing to be used which would be better for pedestrians using the tunnel, without the current protrusions. A smooth top to the replacement handrail would also allow boats to be towed from the bank (whether by horse or by person in the case of a breakdown) without snagging.

Bridgewater Canal Leigh Branch Stoppage

The timings for the stoppage at Vicars Hall Bridge on the Bridgewater Canal Leigh Branch, which IWA raised concerns about (as reported in the last Bulletin), have been revised further, with the stoppage now scheduled to finish on 24th May, some 3 weeks earlier than previously proposed. IWA

has not yet received a reply to the letter sent to Peel Holdings on 9th January which asked for some windows of opening to canal traffic, to enable boats to pass through in each direction on specific (and advertised) dates during the stoppage period, or alternatively for the stoppage to be postponed until the autumn.

Call for New IWA Committee Members

IWA's marketing committee is looking for new members to support the charity's objectives over the coming five years. The committee currently has a fantastic mix of marketing strategists, press and publicity expertise as well as social media knowledge and is looking for volunteers who might like to join this very active, friendly group. If you have experience of direct marketing, database marketing or senior level charity fundraising and like the sound of a role on one of IWA's central committees, please contact Alicen Stenner, Marketing Manager by emailing alicen.stenner@waterways.org.uk.

IWA's navigation committee, which monitors and responds to all matters relating to the use and maintenance of navigable waterways in England, Scotland and Wales, is also looking for new members. Navigation committee meets every two months in the Midlands and new members are being sought with particular expertise or experience in the following areas: hire-boat/marine industry, health and safety, rural advocacy, urban planning and

heritage/historic buildings. If you are interested in finding out more, or want to attend a meeting on a trial basis, please email Alison Smedley, Campaigns Officer at alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk.

IWA Branch News

IWA Northampton Branch

Northampton Branch held a Task party on Sunday 8th January when they carried out vegetation clearance on by-pass weirs and channels on locks 15 and 16 of the adopted Northampton Arm with some edging done on both locks. Litter picking was carried out from lock 16 back up the Arm to bridge 13. A tremendous amount of rubbish was collected, about 30 bags, six shopping trollies and other assorted rubbish with 16 volunteers. The Branch has now completed all 14 locks that have by-pass weirs and channels and since it started in July 2013 has passed the 5000 volunteer hours mark.

Cheshire Ring Mooring Ring Work Parties

After the success of the Cheshire Mooring Ring Project during 2016 it has been agreed that the project will be extended through to 2017. IWA's achievements during this project has encouraged CRT to invest in 50 concrete method mooring rings and the materials to

install them on the Cheshire Ring.

We are looking to hold two consecutive work parties on the 1st and 2nd of March at Congleton Wharf & Fools Nook respectively starting at 9.45am until about 4pm. We are aiming to install six new rings at Congleton Wharf and nine new rings at Fools Nook (north of the swing bridge). We are looking to recruit six volunteers for each day to help; we will have support from CRT to install these rings.

For Congleton Wharf parking can be found on Derwent Dr, Congleton, CW12 3RN and at Fools Nook parking can be found on Woodhouse End Rd, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 9QS just off of London Road (A523).

We can't promise sunny weather but we can bring cake. Please wear old clothes, stout shoes and bring waterproofs and a packed lunch if staying all day. For more information contact Alex Melson on 01494 783 453 ext 610 or email alex.melson@waterways.org.uk.

Other Waterways News

David Suchet Joins Lichfield Canal Trust's Tunnel Vision

As reported in IWA's previous Bulletin, David Suchet CBE

put Lichfield's canal on the national stage when he officially launched a £1million appeal. The actor announced Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust's Tunnel Vision Appeal at the London Boat Show held at the ExCel Exhibition Centre earlier this month. Mr Suchet is Vice President of the Trust and also Vice President of IWA, who kindly agreed to host the appeal launch (see Mid January Bulletin). He said: "I really do think that it's very important that people like myself, who are fortunate enough to be in the position to have a very high profile, do give our support to causes that we care for. I'm not only a supporter of the inland waterways but I'm a huge enthusiast and a practitioner, I actually use them, and I would like to bring awareness on a national level to the support groups and individuals who not only help to maintain the canals but are actually responsible for bringing these dead canals back to life."

Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust is restoring a seven-mile section of canal linking the Birmingham Canal Navigations near Brownhills to the Coventry Canal at Huddlesford. The Trust has overcome many obstacles since its foundation in 1988, including the construction of an aqueduct over the M6 Toll Road which Mr Suchet also supported by leading an appeal. When the Lichfield Southern Bypass was built, the Trust raised £490,000 to install a canal culvert under the new roadway. Now plans to extend the bypass are well advanced and these will include a new railway bridge which is to be installed

during a brief possession of the Cross City line, probably in late 2019. Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust intends to take this opportunity to drive a canal tunnel under the railway line near the new bridge, and is working very closely with Staffordshire County Council to ensure the maximum cost benefit for both schemes, but to do that it must raise £1million by Spring 2019.

To donate to the David Suchet Tunnel Vision Appeal, visit the Trust web site where you can download the Tunnel Vision donation form, donate via the PayPal Giving Fund, or donate directly on that page.

Promising Interest in Bradley

There are signs that the possibility of restoring the Bradley Canal may be a step closer. A feasibility study, which was funded by Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, Birmingham Canal Navigation Society, CRT and IWA in 2015, concluded that the scheme is practical, although significant funding will be required. The restored canal would recreate a 1.5 mile link on the Birmingham Canal Navigations between the Walsall Canal and the New Main Line, by restoring sections of 4 lost canals, including the Wednesday Oak Loop beyond Bradley Workshops, and the 9 Bradley Locks.

Three public meetings have recently taken place as the canal borders three local authorities

and there was a need to engage with as many local people and councillors as possible. The meetings have been well attended and almost everyone is enthusiastic and can see the positive benefits. IWA's annual meeting at Bilston in September gave people a chance to "walk the line" with a large number of waterways enthusiasts from around the country. A film of the whole length has been made and should be available online soon.

The plan is to form a group with a leader hopefully from the local community to take this forward.

A Future for Exeter Waterways

During 2015 Exeter City Council established a partnership of key stakeholders to deliver a strategy to manage the waterways of the City. The Exe Estuary, the River Exe Harbour and Exeter Ship Canal had been under threat but it was soon appreciated that these valuable assets should be developed, not neglected – the canal and quay being the second most visited site in the City after the cathedral.

The City Council have now concluded that it will be hard to achieve improvements to the Exe Estuary, the River Exe, Harbour, and Exeter Ship Canal with the current level of resources. The potential for joint future working with CRT has been explored extensively since September 2015 but the option of a permanent asset transfer to the Trust has

now been shelved and there is a recommendation to create an in-house management plan.

The following recommendations were made to Councillors:

- To ensure compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, improve safety and provide effective operational management a Harbour Master should be employed;
- Competency and safety audits should be undertaken by a qualified external body;
- Specialist marketing expertise should be commissioned to produce a marketing plan to support income generation and sustainability;
- Improve controls on entry to the Port and berths to avoid problem vessels, particularly in the canal, which have previously incurred large costs to the Council.

Exeter City Council will be developing a management plan over the next few months which will provide direction and prioritise improvements for the Estuary, Harbour and waterways.

St Pancras Open Weekend

On 4th & 5th February between 10:00am - 4:00pm there is the opportunity to learn more from heritage experts, engineers and volunteers about St Pancras Locks on the Regent's Canal, in particular the replacements of the top and bottom lock gates. Visitors will be able to walk in the drained lock chamber, seeing first hand

the exceptional engineering work that helped construct the canal originally and talk to experts about the essential restoration and repair work being carried out.

During the weekend, there will also be the chance of guided heritage walks from Granary Square to Islington Tunnel with local trip boat operator, Hidden Depths, offering boat trips from outside the lock up to the London Canal Museum. Visitors with a head for heights will also get the rare chance to go to the top of the St Pancras water tower. This was originally built to supply steam trains with water; the Grade II-listed tower was moved in sections by a huge crane to its current canalside location in November 2001. There will be activities for children aboard CRT's boat Jena, which will be moored at Granary Square.

Bow Back Rivers Need Friends

Based around Carpenters Road Lock, Old River Lee, London there will be a volunteer group with roles including supporting and running events, supporting the schools programme, social media promotion, heritage learning and promotion and being a representative for activities or interest in the waterways. The restoration of the lock, to be completed in Spring 2017, will re-open the waterways in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and create plenty of new opportunities for boaters and visitors. CRT is forming a new friends group who will champion the newly restored

Carpenters Road Lock and wider Bow Back rivers.

CRT, in partnership with Our Parklife, will offer training in social media, how to create a constitution and a chance to learn about the heritage of the area, wider influence of the waterways and Carpenters Road Lock. As part of the friends group, there will be the opportunity to see behind the scenes of the most exciting construction programmes in London, and a great insight into Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The group will also sit under the 'Park Panel' (a forum of local Park stakeholders and businesses), which will offer further training, development and networking opportunities, whilst allowing the group to act as a voice for the waterways in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

No experience necessary, but a commitment of 2-3 hours a week over the next 6 months would be expected. Please contact Joanna Steele at Joanna.steele@canalrivertrust.org.uk by 27th January 2017.

Please note that the first induction dates will be 12th February 11am-12:30, or Monday 13th Feb, 18:30-20:00, depending on availability. For further information visit the CRT web site page.

An important piece of this re-opening of the Olympic Park waterways has taken place - City Mill River has now been reinstated by Crossrail and re-flooded. Some remedial works to the bridge structure and other minor works

are taking place over January and February but Crossrail have dredged to the same levels prior to the works so the concrete bed section in the middle is approximately 1.8m deep.

Chesterfield Canal Trust Celebrates Aviva Funding

The Chesterfield Canal Trust has won £10,000 following an announcement by the Aviva Community Fund.

The funds awarded to the Last Cuckoo Project will be used to run an archaeological dig at Staveley. The site to be excavated is the original Bellhouse Basin on the canal. It is believed that at least one Cuckoo boat, unique to the canal, could be found.

The Trust competed with thousands of local organisations around the UK to receive funding as part of the Aviva Community Fund 2016. The nationwide initiative which launched in September called upon passionate local residents to submit a project close to their heart to be in with a chance of securing funding ranging from £1,000 to £25,000. The Trust succeeded in winning over 9,000 votes from supporters.

Andy Robinson, a long time Trust member who wrote the bid said: "I am absolutely delighted that we have won this money. We will spend the next few months getting everything ready for the dig itself, which will take place in August. We intend to involve lots of members

of the local community, including children. This is a chance for them to learn first hand about how Staveley played a vital part right from the beginning of the Industrial Revolution."

Now that the bid has been won, the hard work is starting to make sure that everything is ready by August. Andy is appealing for old photographs, old maps, old documents, old press cuttings, artefacts etc. relating to the Lowgates area of Staveley, especially the bottom of Bellhouse Lane.

London Traffic News Will Never Be the Same

The frequent announcements that the Woolwich Ferry is not running or down to one boat will soon be a thing of the past. Transport for London has signed a contract with Polish boat builder Rementowa Shipyard to supply two new vessels for this busy Thames crossing which carries two million passengers a year. The new 60m boats, designed by Norwegian company LMG Marin, will have a hybrid-electric propulsion and an automatic mooring system.

What Will Brexit Mean to the Waterways?

Any waterway groups that were considering applying to the European Regional Development Fund may wish to move that application further up their schedule following the UK's

decision to leave the EU. Go to the ERDF web site for further details.

Mooring on the Tidal Thames

The Port of London Authority has launched an interactive map listing visitor moorings on the tidal river. There are over 30 moorings including those the PLA own plus private marinas, yacht clubs, and cruising clubs.

By clicking on the map boaters can find contact details as well as information on the type of mooring, the facilities available, and any length restrictions.

They range from Hammerton's at Twickenham in the east downriver to Queenborough Harbour in Kent and Two Tree Island Causeway in Essex.

A series of filters attached to the interactive map allow users to search for particular services and features at the moorings.

Due to the tidal nature of the tidal Thames, the majority of marinas have restricted access at certain times of day and the PLA advises boaters to contact them directly to confirm appropriate lock in times.

For the authority's own moorings the contact details for enquiries are: phone 01474 562421 or email the Port of London Authority at VisitorMoorings@pla.co.uk.

Acton Swing Bridge in Cheshire to be Repaired

A £1.5 million repair programme to refurbish Acton Swing Bridge, near Northwich, begins on 23 January 2017. The 84-year old bridge carries the busy A49 road over the River Weaver Navigation. The work has been arranged by CRT and is being funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Contractors, Kier, will be carrying out the repairs, which are expected to be completed by July 2017.

The project involves a complete refurbishment of the bridge deck, including strengthening works to the underside of the bridge as well as improvements to the bridge appearance. During the works, the towpath underneath the bridge and the pedestrian walkway over the bridge will remain open as far as is reasonably practicable. While the works take place, the traffic over the bridge will be restricted to one lane which will be operated by traffic lights.

A height restriction up to 2.5m for boats will also be in place underneath the bridge between 23 January 2017 and 31 March 2017 as the bridge will not be able to swing during these times.

For boating enquiries during office hours, please contact CRT's North Wales & Borders Customer Service Team in Northwich on 0303 040 4040 or email: enquiries.northwalesborders@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Now for Something Different - Tidal Lagoons

IWA's South West Region maintains a watching brief on the proposed development of tidal lagoons in the Bristol Channel, the first of which is being planned for Swansea, with subsequent tidal lagoons identified for Cardiff, Newport and Bridgwater Bay.

An independent review (the Hendry Review) of the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon proposals has just been completed and is supportive of the proposals.

Charles Hendry has said: "I conclude that tidal lagoons would help deliver security of supply; they would assist in delivering our decarbonisation commitments; and they would bring real and substantial opportunities for the UK supply chain. Most importantly, it is clear that tidal lagoons at scale could deliver low carbon power in a way that is very competitive with other low carbon sources. The aim now is that we should move to secure the pathfinder project as swiftly as possible, so the learning opportunities it offers can be maximised. I have, however, also concluded that the smaller pathfinder project needs to be operational before we move to larger scale projects. This means that a clear long-term Government strategy in favour of tidal lagoons will be required if the full supply chain and cost reduction opportunities are to be realised. We are blessed with some of the best resources in the world, which puts us in a unique position to

be world leaders. The costs of a pathfinder project would be about 30p per household per year over the first 30 years. A large scale project would be less than 50p over the first 60 years. The benefits of that investment could be huge, especially in South Wales, but also in many other parts of the country.

IWA Member Discounts and Special Offers

The following special offers are now available exclusively for IWA members:

Enjoy the Waterways Through Hire Boats and Leisure

ABC Boat Hire - 15% discount on holidays

Airedale Cruising, Yorkshire Dales BB18 6TP - 10% discount off skippered day cruises

Blackwater Boats, Essex CO4 5HF - 10% discount off boat trips

CanalCruising.co.uk - 10% discount

Canal Boat Magazine - 12 issues for £21.99 + Gourmet Society Plus

City Centre Cruises - 10% discount for Sunday lunch cruises

Frangipani SUP Ltd - 10% discount

Jenny Wren, London NW1 8QS - 10% discount off cruises

Middlewich Narrowboats - 25% discount off hire price of Willow

Wyvern Shipping Co. Ltd- 10% discount on published prices

Eating Out

Bounty Pub, Bourne End SL8 5RG - 10% discount off food

Clifford Arms, Staffordshire ST18 0SR - 10% discount off food
Fingerpost Pub & Restaurant, Pelsall WS3 5AU - 10% discount off food

Kings Lock Tearooms, Leicester LE2 8LT - 10% discount off food

Ring 'O Bells Pub, Marple SK6 7AY - 10% discount off food

Three Locks Pub, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DD - 10% discount off food

Wharf Pub, Bugbrooke NN7 3QB - 10% discount

Better Value on Boats and Equipment

Boatshed Grand Union - 10% discount on brokerage

Boat Windows Ltd - 5% discount

Calcutt Boats - 5% online discount

Channel Glaze - 10% discount on double glazing

Cotswold Outdoor - 10% discount

IceGripper - Special offer on ladies walking boots

Kings Lock Chandlery – 5% discount on purchases excluding all fuels (diesel, gas, coal, wood, etc)

Marine Mega Store Ltd - 15% discount

Midland Chandlers - 5% discount

RoadPro- 5% discount

Solar Technology International- 10% discount on PV Logic Narrow Boat Kits & Foldup Panels

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Services

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Paper Wizard - 15% discount

River Canal Rescue - up to 15% discount

Wavetrain Marine - 5% discount on selected training

Please note: All discounts and offers are entirely at the organisers' discretion.

To see details of how to take advantage of these offers, please go to the IWA Members discount page online.

For IWA members who receive a printed copy of this bulletin in the post, please contact the membership team on 01494 783453 for the details of the offers.

Members can also support IWA with a Narrow Boat magazine subscription

Boat Insurance

IWA has an arrangement with insurers Navigators & General and River Canal Rescue that provides top quality boat insurance and access to the basic waterway rescue service for boat owners, with the added benefit that every policy taken out and subsequently renewed helps IWA, and thus furthers our charitable work for the waterways.

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