

STAFFORD RIVERWAY LINK

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Objective: To promote the restoration of the historic river and canal waterway linking the county town of Stafford to the national waterways network for the benefit of the community and all interested groups.

It has been some time since the last Newsletter; however, we have not been idle.

The Website is being constantly updated and may I suggest that after you have read this, you take a . Send me your comments if you like.

We are holding regular work parties at Baswich, being coordinated by John Potter and everybody is very welcome to attend. For the moment, work parties are taking place on the last Friday & Saturday of the Month starting at 10am. e.g. 30th & 31st March, 27th & 28th April, 25th & 26th May, 29th & 30th June, etc. I suggest you talk to John Potter upon arrival and he will then keep in touch with you regarding future work parties. Our Clerk of Works is John Mountfort, so talk to John asking what he requires you to do on the day. Site clear-up mainly for the moment with some excavation to see what lies beneath. I suggest wellies, gloves & some food, also possibly earth digging stuff, trowel as in Time-team, pruning shears etc. – whatever you like. John Potter (Like me) will not be at The April work party owing to being on holiday, however in future he will be there with his narrowboat to provide tea/coffee etc.

The major look forward to this year is The Feasibility Survey which is due out sometime late Spring; it is being carried out by Halcrow Group Ltd. and costing somewhere in the region of £8,000. money that has come from the Inland Waterways Association (I.W.A) in the form of 2 grants, Stafford Boat Club from being the Charity chosen for the years fund raising and Stafford Council also helping by saving us some money. As soon as the SRL has the document, I will let you all know in order that you can visit our website to view the contents. I am advised that so far all looks well for the restoration.

The possible next major task is to find out who owns the River Sow Banks between Green Bridge & Baswich and if anyone wishes to take this on, please have a word with our Chairman Ivor Hind. I would think this an extremely interesting project.

The SRL was invited by ASDA in Stafford to put up a stand in their foyer for a day to promote the SRL, also to obtain signatures for a petition in support of our aims & objectives for the River Sow between Stafford & Baswich. The support was superb and the main comments from the general public was “that it was about time the appalling state of the River Sow through Stafford was dealt with, as it was an eyesore.” It is sad, but developers still regard rivers and waterways as unimportant when redevelopment is being planned, unlike Birmingham, Merry Hill etc. even Wolverhampton have now noticed the canal running through and new buildings fight to face the canal for a view of it.

We are having a stall at Stafford Boat Club's Gathering of Boats 8th–10th June, hope to see you there and two weeks later at Wolverhampton Boat Club's Golden Anniversary Gathering 22nd, 23rd & 24th June where we can have a good chat after viewing the Halcrow document.

As you can see, your continued support as Members of the SRL is vital, as this restoration will happen, to date every person & organisation that we have spoken to has been for the restoration and the SRL's aims & objectives for the Link.

I know times are difficult for us all, however your support and enthusiasm is vital to our cause, hey, you have supported us so far, so please continue by sending Bob your subscriptions for another year.

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Cheques payable to **Stafford Riverway Link**.

Next newsletter due as soon as lots of stuff in the pipeline becomes good news for the printer and googlespheremail.

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