

STAFFORD RIVERWAY LINK

(A Community Interest Company)

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Patron:- The Lord Stafford, DL, FRAGS

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.

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Hello to All our Members!,

It is some time since we compiled a newsletter but this could be one of the most informative, positive and exciting newsletters to date, so hopefully, worth the wait.

First, though, some thoughts from our chairman, Paul.

All charities are always on the lookout for help. Here at SRL we consider ourselves fortunate in the number of people who support us:

- by joining as members,
- by doing all the unseen but essential work on the committee
- by attending work parties over the last twenty-five years,
- by researching the history of the link
- by spending on raffles
- by attending various social events organised from time to time
- by utilising their skills in various aspects of the building work that have taken place so far.

Since the last newsletter, we have gained THREE new supporters.

Stafford and Newcastle colleges have arranged to loan us a large excavator and dumper truck. They also would like their construction apprentices to use the SRL site to gain practical experience of a major construction.

Breedon Cement have offered us a huge donation of cement. (More details to follow)

Socially Grown, is a “full service, creative digital and growth agency, providing specialist expertise in the areas of communications, design and strategic content marketing.” They have offered to refresh our website. Our open weekend in May demonstrated to hundreds of visitors what SRL have achieved over the last 25 years.

I can't begin to imagine what we will achieve in the next months and years, but I know that the Link will be made.'

Acknowledgements and positive thoughts, indeed.

Paul Bryan

It is left to me to fill in the details where appropriate and indeed Breedon and the May event lend themselves to the 'stuff that makes newsletters interesting'. That no-way belittles the input from the colleges and from Socially Grown but as yet their offers are for the future. No doubt the beginning of a new academic year might see students and diggers on site and changes to our website may happen too so maybe something for the next newsletter.....

BREEDON CEMENT: This story begins many months ago. The daughter of our site co-ordinator, John Potter, and her family moved to Southern Ireland years ago. Since that move, John and his wife, Vee (that's me, your editor!) retired to Baswich where we got involved with SRL. Being boat owners, it made sense to become involved in a restoration project. Back to the Irish link, Jeanette's husband, Barry, ended up working for a cement company. When we first lived here, the local cement company on the nearby industrial estate,