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History and Heritage

Work started on the 1½ mile navigation in 1814 to link Stafford Town Centre with the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Baswich. It involved constructing a roving bridge, basin, aqueduct, lock and lock house at Baswich, and straightening and deepening the River Sow. In the centre of Stafford, a short channel was cut parallel to the river leading to a coal wharf near Green Bridge. The waterway opened in 1816 and was navigable until the 1920s. Although its main purpose was to carry “coals, lime and merchandise”, the waterway was popular with pleasure boaters. It was owned by Lord Stafford and leased to the Staffs & Worcs Canal Company from 1838 until 1927.



At Baswich, the junction with the main canal was blocked-off in 1929 and the aqueduct trough removed. The lock house was occupied until 1956 and demolished soon after. The roving bridge and remains of the lock survived until they were demolished in the 1970s, although traces of this bridge and the pound walls are still visible. Weir levels on the river have been changed, and the Rivers Sow and Penk realigned. The river channel and all the other bridges into Stafford are still in place, and parts of the towpath have been upgraded. The channel in Stafford was infilled in 1930 and the coal wharf site is now part of the Riverside Retail and Leisure Complex opened in 2016.



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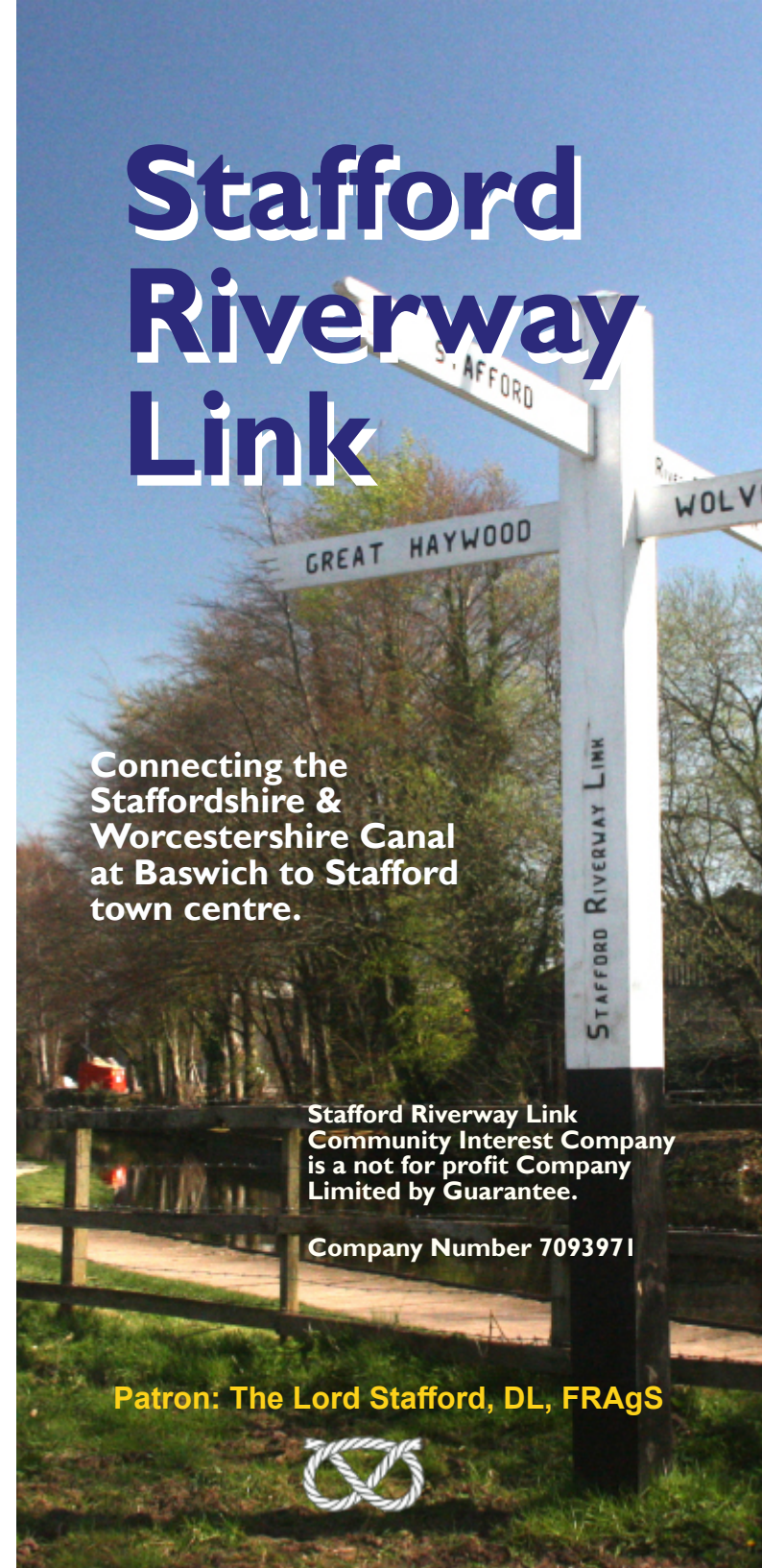
# Stafford Riverway Link

Connecting the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal at Baswich to Stafford town centre.

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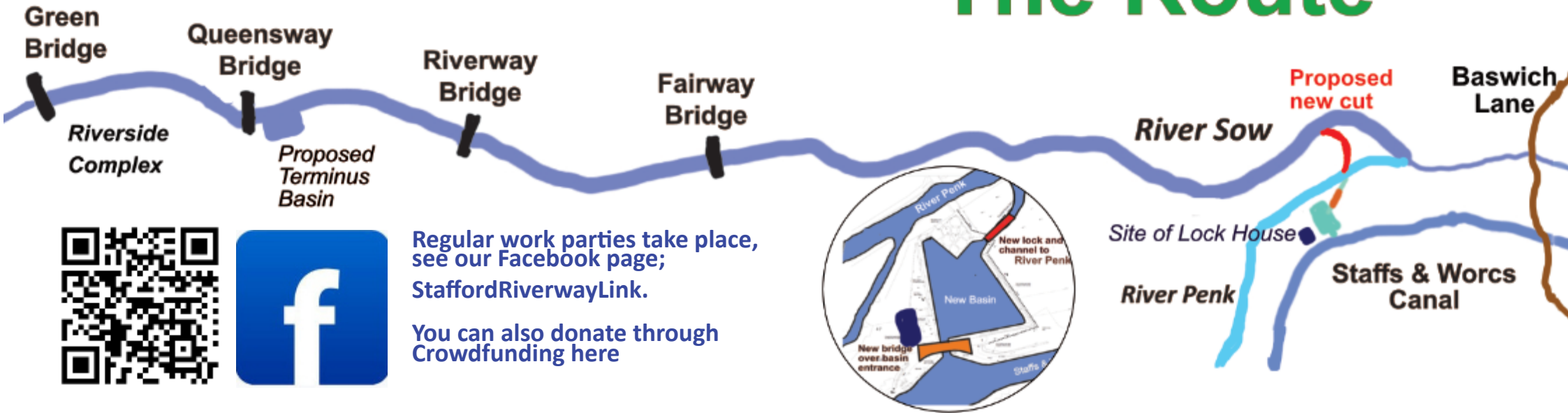
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# The Route



Regular work parties take place, see our Facebook page; [StaffordRiverwayLink](#).

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## The Future

We will continue working with *Stafford Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council, Canal & River Trust, the Environment Agency* and others to advance the project by:

- Completing excavation and construction work on the Basin.
- Constructing the Roving Bridge at the Junction with towpath and farm access.
- Connecting the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to the Basin.
- Constructing the Lock from the Basin.
- Constructing a navigable channel from the Lock into the River Penk and River Sow.
- Preparing the River Sow to create a navigable link into Stafford Town Centre.

## This will ...

- Create a key leisure and social facility in Stafford.
- Engage the local community.
- Provide a focus and destination.
- Add tourism value.
- Enhance the local environment.
- Make the area more attractive to investors.
- Generate new employment opportunities.
- Raise awareness of Stafford's industrial heritage.

All change at the Baswich Site. A massive amount of work has been done by our volunteers since 2016. 90% of building materials have been donated by local businesses. Our thanks go to all our volunteers and supporters.