



Oakham Canal Green Corridor

Newsletter – December 2019

Project Update

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter aimed at keeping you informed about progress on the Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project.

Springfield Section

Rutland County Council continue their efforts to rationalise the ownership of the waterway and adjacent footpath at Springfield. It is hoped that this will lead to essential repairs to the footpath (where it is beginning to collapse into the canal) and remedial works to the fencing. Once ownership and repairs are resolved, we can look to develop and implement a maintenance strategy for the bank side vegetation. We can also consider how best to manage the water level.

North of Burley Park Way

Efforts to reach agreement with the landowner for formal access to the canal bed, woodland and footpaths continue. The mature trees here are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. A recent survey, carried out by residents, revealed that many of the trees are Ash. Some of these are showing signs of dieback. We need to secure the long-term future of this section to maintain the link between the town and sections of the canal further north.

Oakham Angling Society Section

Bradshaw Taylor staff assisted the Angling Society by removing weed from the canal. Fish stocks have also been recently replenished.

Western Bank Footpaths

Despite reaching agreement with the Trustees of St. John and St. Anne to obtain permissive access rights to the footpaths, discussions continue as to how this should be achieved. It may be necessary to establish a Community Interest Company to acquire the rights, although alternatives are under consideration.

Find the Oakham Angling Society and Melton and Oakham Waterways Society on Facebook



Northern Section

Bradshaw Taylor staff gave up their time between September and November to volunteer for a range of tasks, mainly the clearance of vegetation to widen the path on the run-down northern section. The Waterways and Angling Societies are developing a plan to increase the water depth and provide a long-term solution to improve the footpath. The scheme has approval from the landowner and other permissions are being sought by Rutland County Council. It is hoped that we may be able to start work before the Spring.



Vegetation removed from the northern section steps

General

The provision of additional dog waste bins has been agreed with the Council and we await delivery and installation.

As you may know, recent heavy rain has made some of the footpaths impassible without wellies! We are working hard with our partners to find ways of making the footpaths more accessible as soon as possible. This is one of the main aims of the project.

Get Involved

If you want to get involved in our work, please contact Paul Dadford on 07870 238688 or email pdadford@yahoo.co.uk.