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# Council members 2020/21

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## Chairman's Column

What a change since my piece in our Spring newsletter written back in the dark days of February with only a glimmer of light on the horizon. At that time we were unable to do anything at all on the work site due to the latest covid lockdown.

As previously, we used the enforced down time to plan ahead and were duly able to get back on site in April with a renewed sense of purpose, vigour and optimism.

I would first ask you to join me in welcoming three new members on to Council.

Clive Wilson, our current treasurer and archivist, is stepping down from the treasurer role to take up a finance role with Chilterns IWA – please join me in thanking him and wishing him well in the future. I am pleased to say he will be continuing as our archivist.

Paul Armstrong joins us as treasurer and Steve Chapman and Will Matthew join from the restoration team. Both are already making a great contribution to our restoration project and are very proactive in helping develop our forward strategies.



The safety and well being of our volunteers is always our priority and for the restart we improved our provision of sanitation & welfare facilities and planned work

so that people were in small groups in different locations enabling social distancing. Tasks included putting finishing touches to the Whitehouses site which had almost been completed at the end of 2020 and completing wing walls to fend off future passing boats.



Much of this involved heritage brickwork and lime mortar. Our on line appeal for bricklayers familiar with this work was rewarded with several new volunteers turning up virtually the next day for which we were hugely grateful.

These skills were also required for renovation of the old swing bridge walls by bridge 4 which is ongoing. Stop planks are now installed by bridge 4 ready for re-watering which we hope to do this later summer once final approvals from CRT are to hand.

Following long deliberations and the burning of much midnight oil our tip investigation team led a trial excavation earlier in the period and this proved that their method worked successfully. Focus is now on finding the most cost effective way of translating this success in to the full scale removal that we need to do.



Protection of the old under bed pipe to prevent damage to the canal liner if it collapsed is still essential but Tony and colleagues have devised a new and more efficient way of doing this, being up to four times quicker compared to previously. Being wider than before it also provides a temporary roadway to the work site which will be a massive benefit in the wet and muddy conditions of winter.

All this activity on site has attracted a great deal of positive comment from members of the public on the towpath and led to even more skilled volunteers joining our ranks.

Our rapid progress with excavation & pipe capping has now created a major short term problem with temporary storage of spoil, much of which will be reused as lining proceeds.

Unfortunately much of it is contaminated with the remains of the original lining material, coal tar, which was used in Victorian times to try and stop it leaking.

Many investigations have been done and a small task force is now urgently looking to find the best solution out of all the options open to us and permitted within current legislation.

Any solution is going to necessitate taking considerable quantities of spoil off site with associated costs.

Alongside all of the works mentioned above which are concentrated near Lt Tring, our colleague, Peter Elwin has been working with the Chiltern AONB Review Group, Wendover Parish Council and Wendover & Villages Community Board to try and secure funding to upgrade the heavily used and badly eroded towpath starting at Wharf Road, Wendover. Detailed plans and costing have been produced by CRT/Kier.

At the time of writing we are very optimistic of success and hope to be able to make an announcement soon regarding the first two of these groups.

Peter is also making excellent progress in developing contacts with Tring/

Dacorum/Herts Councils to support works at the Lt Tring area.

Along with our accelerated progress we are now launching our new working name, “Wendover Canal Trust” and corporate image – huge thanks to Bob Wheal and the Marketing team for getting us to this point.

This summer newsletter is the first “outing” for our revised look - more details from Bob elsewhere in this issue.

As I mentioned last time all the progress we are making and the challenges ahead are going to be costly.

Our Finance colleague Doug Pell is pursuing several major funding applications but if you can help by way of a donation or would like to set up a legacy please do get in touch – my email and the trust phone number are at the foot of this piece.



Thank you all, Council colleagues, volunteers and members, for your support – let’s all look forward to another year of achievement and hope we can finally put lockdowns behind us!

Chris Sargeant – Chairman

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## Chiltern Branch



**Join us at 8pm on Sept 22nd, for an evening with Ian Gilbert,  
Hon. Vice Admiral of the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships.**

**Our new venue will be at Rickmansworth Canal Trust,  
Batchworth Locks. Location details and 2021/22 programme at  
<https://waterways.org.uk/waterways/branches/iwa-chiltern-branch/events-in-iwa-chiltern-branch>**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the thirty second Annual General Meeting of the Wendover Arm Trust will be held on:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 2.30PM.**

*This will be an online ZOOM meeting.*

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 31st AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup>. Oct 2020 – to be agreed as true record.
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Individual Trustees' Reports.
6. Honorary Treasurers Report.
7. To receive and if thought fit, approve the report of the council of management.
8. To receive and, if thought fit, approve the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Trust for the year ended on 5<sup>th</sup>. April 2021 and the report of the Independent Examiner thereon.
9. To Reappoint Ashby's Chartered Accountants as the Independent Examiner.
10. To elect members to the Council (see note 1 below).
11. Any Other Business



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Note 1. Under article 39, Nominations for election to Council may be received by the Secretary up to seven clear days before the date of the meeting. Nominations must be in writing and signed by the person nominated, confirming their willingness to be elected. Only persons qualified to vote at the meeting may make nominations or stand for election.

A list of Council Members standing for reelection and other members standing for election will be given at the meeting.

**Trust Members can join the meeting on line from your computer or smart phone or for sound only by telephone.**

Please email [agm2021@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:agm2021@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk) no later than October 21st for full details and an invitation to join the meeting and/or to obtain a nomination form which also should be returned by Oct 21st.

Thank you.

## Finance Review



Results for this year reflect an acceleration in the costs of restoration work, while on the other hand income is lower due to lower receipts from donations and legacies. As a result, available cash at bank and from investments has fallen from £636,870 to £506,495.

This is however sufficient to enable the Trust to continue its work and fulfil its charitable purpose in restoring the canal for the benefit of the public.

During the year the Trust has installed a new membership system and a new accounting system, which will enable better tracking of member contributions, costs and budgets.



Doug Pell, Fundraising

## Finance: Summary of Financial Activities (SOFA)

### Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 05 April 2021

	Notes	General	Restricted	Total	Total
Funds		2021	2021	2021	2020
<b>Income from</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	17,482		17,482	38,877
Charitable activities					
Other trading activities	3	3,760		3,760	6,607
Investments		4,305		4,305	6,454
<b>Total income</b>		<b>25,547</b>		<b>25,547</b>	<b>51,938</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
Raising funds (Incl. management)	4	11,293		11,293	9,596
Charitable activities (restoration)	4,5	139,544		139,544	69,290
Other (donation to CRT)					
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>150,837</b>		<b>150,837</b>	<b>78,886</b>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>		<b>(125,290)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(125,290)</b>	<b>(26,948)</b>
Transfers between funds					
<b>Net movement of funds</b>		<b>(125,290)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(125,290)</b>	<b>(26,948)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		639,587		639,587	666,535
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>514,297</b>		<b>514,297</b>	<b>639,587</b>

## Finance: Balance

### Balance Sheet For the year ended 05 April 2021

	Notes	2021	2021	2020	2020
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		6,490		706
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock		2,187		2,322	
Debtors	7	0		0	
Cash at bank		506,495		636,870	
Cash in hand		25		589	
<b>Total</b>		<b>508,707</b>		<b>639,781</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	(900)		(900)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>507,807</b>		<b>638,881</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>514,297</b>		<b>639,587</b>
<b>The Unrestricted funds of the charity</b>					
- General	10		514,297		399,387
- Designated	10		0		240,200
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>			<b>514,297</b>		<b>639,587</b>
Restricted funds	10		0		0
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>514,297</b>		<b>639,587</b>

## Operations Report

This is a summary of Tony Bardwell's Operation Reports from April to July, edited by Clive Johnson. The full reports can be read on our website.

Our volunteers have made considerable progress by working for 2 weeks in each of these 4 months. The most visible achievement is that Pipe Capping has been completed for three-quarters of the way from Bridge 4 to the Little Tring cart track entrance! Also our bricklayers continue to improve the remains of the old Bridge 4. Unfortunately little further progress has been made on the Tip – we are still investigating the most cost-effective quotes. More details below.

### Pipe Capping

The section of canal being restored has an 18" glazed clay pipe installed underneath to allow water from Wendover to reach the pumping station when the canal was "dried" many years ago. Due to the age of the pipe (which is now abandoned and blocked) protective measures must be taken to avoid damage to the new lining system if the pipe ever collapses. A concrete "raft" or capping is being installed to do that. The capping is now being made wider, to make it easier to lay by pouring direct from dumpers, and to allow it to be used as an access road. This costs more in ready-mix now, but will save on Plant Hire by finishing the job quicker. Spectacular progress has been made, come and see it if you can!





## Bridge 4 Brickwork

Our volunteer expert bricklayers have continued with repairs and rebuilding the remains of the old Bridge 4.



This is being done with great care and the right materials, and so is taking a long time.

## Tip Clearance and other Spoil

In April we completely cleared everything which has accumulated over the years on top of the Tip. At the time we hoped that this was ready for it all to be excavated, but discussions continue on the best quote for the work, and also funding for this work. The latest sticking point is determining what type of Zinc is in the Tip.

We have now temporarily used the Tip to store excavated clay spoil, to clear the way for the Pipe Capping we have done. We have realised that we have a surplus of this clay spoil. Unfortunately the clay spoil is contaminated with Coal Tar from the Victorian lining, and we have set up a sub-group to investigate and advise us on disposal options.

## Bridge 4a to 4 Re-watering

This length of canal is ready for re-watering as soon as CRT give permission. Stop planks have been installed next to Bridge 4 ready for this.



Tony Bardwell, Operations Director  
&  
Clive Johnson, Deputy Chairman



## Work Party Schedules

Working parties are held throughout the year, starting on the first Friday of the month, as listed below. The summer work parties have been extended to 2 weeks, though they could be shortened or cancelled by bad weather or the virus. We need further help for this highly rewarding work.

Friday 3rd for 2 weeks to Thursday 16th September, 2021

Friday 1st probably for 2 weeks to Thursday 14th October, 2021

Friday 5th probably for ONE week to Thursday 11th November, 2021

Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th December, 2021

**Subject to change due to Covid. Please refer to our website.**

For further information please contact Tony Bardwell via email, [operations@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:operations@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk) or 01296 634 973.



Any help will be greatly appreciated.

### Tidy Friday; 8:30am - 4pm

If canal restoration sounds like hard work, then joining our Tidy Friday group might be for you. This entails light work keeping our canal, bridges and towpath looking spick and span and cared for.

The provisional days are below, and come after the main work parties above. If any of the work parties only run for one week, we may bring these dates forward by a week:

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th



This is organised by John Reynolds, for further details or to volunteer please phone John on 07787 355 515.



## New name, new logo, new beginning

You will have noticed that this is now called Wendover Canal News and comes from the Wendover Canal Trust, with a different logo and different email contact addresses to the ones you are used to.



**WENDOVER**  
CANAL TRUST

### *What's going on?*

There's not much in our name to tell anyone from outside the canal "bubble" that we are even associated with Canals. Instead, we find we have to constantly explain what an 'Arm' is and then go on to talk about our restoration work. There is also an unrelated hotel in High Wycombe called the Wendover Arms.

Our logo is no help at all. It may be familiar (even attractive) to those of us who are members and supporters and know the Trust. But to someone who only has a vague idea of what a canal is, the logo is of no help, and is a colour which we no longer use.

In the coming years as the Trust's finances have to support ever more expensive and ambitious tasks, it becomes more important than ever that our name is visible and accepted by potential supporters and donation/grant giving bodies. Internet searches for 'Canal Trust', for example, must give a result with our name prominently shown. We can only expect to attract new members and grants if our purpose is clear.

Having a logo with a clear reference to a canal will also help to cement our identity. Having a new logo brings a long overdue opportunity to update it to something more relevant.

To have the best chance of reaching future members, supporters, and potential donors we are better with a name which more closely identifies us with who we are.

Hence the name **Wendover Canal Trust**.

There are secondary benefits, too.

- The Arm has long been called the Wendover Canal by local residents and visitors. Calling ourselves **Wendover Canal Trust** gives us added legitimacy, and gives the canal and ourselves increased recognition.
- Our new internet domain [wendovercanal.org.uk](http://wendovercanal.org.uk), (which is part of our email and website addresses) should mean that internet searches will be more likely to find us. The old website and email addresses will continue to work but won't be publicised.



- The new domain name uses the *org.uk* identifier, commonly used by charities. This means we can avoid using the *co.uk* style, which is intended to be used by a profit-driven commercial company.

### *What is actually changing?*

- The Wendover Arm Trust has registered **Wendover Canal Trust** as a working name, which will be used in all general day to day activities.
- The name Wendover Arm Trust has not been deleted; It remains in use for financial and commercial transactions.
- The registered address of the Trust continues as before to be: Wendover Canal Trust, Island House, Moor Road, Chesham Bucks. HP5 1WA.
- The governance and management for Wendover Canal Trust remain unchanged. It is only the name which is being updated.
- Our website, media pages, newsletter, correspondence, publications, and general communications will all use the name Wendover Canal Trust.
- In the same way that WAT refers colloquially to Wendover Arm Trust, feel free to use the term WCT to refer to Wendover Canal Trust.

### *What else will change?*

We updated our logo. The new logo design references one of the greatest Trust achievements to date – the rebuilding of Little Tring Bridge, as well as reminding ourselves that more bridge rebuilds will be required! In fact, we do not have a shortage of projects needing capital funding.

Clearance of the Historic Domestic Tip at Tring, rebuilding the old main road bridge at Buckland, Rebuilding Halton Road bridge, as well as completing the relining at Little Tring will all need significant funding. All the more important then, that we maximise our chances of being recognised and identified by funders.

With a new logo, it would be logical to expect a new clothing and branded goods range to be available. Whilst that is a likely eventual outcome, there are no immediate plans to introduce a complete range immediately. Instead, for the time being replacement stock will follow demand.

To avoid unnecessary printing and design costs, leaflets and booklets will be revised over time, when reprints would in any case be required.





# WENDOVER CANAL TRUST

## *What about the many signs and displays which need updating?*

Yes, there are many plaques, signs and display boards which need to be updated. Many (most?) signs and boards are showing their age, or simply display out of date information and are overdue to be renewed or replaced.

The cost of replacement and renewal is part of our normal publicity budgeting. That's not to say that a sponsorship offer would be unwelcome ...

## *What happens to my membership? Who do I pay?*

Nothing happens to your membership, except that you will see increasing reference to **Wendover Canal Trust** in letters and notices. Your payment details can remain the same (unless you want to switch from a standing order or regular cheque payment to a direct debit arrangement – that will save us money and give our membership secretary fewer issues to deal with).

Your payments should continue to be made to Wendover Arm Trust, as before. Gift Aid arrangements also remain the same.



## *When is all this happening?*

Well, as you can see, the newsletter has already been updated. Our website has been referring to the Wendover Canal for some time now (did you notice?). Our leaflets will be updated (for content as well as appearance) as the stock is used up, and you should see our new name and logo in emails and general correspondence as it appears.

With a new name, a new logo, and a new appearance, our challenge now is to publicise Wendover Canal Trust as widely as possible.

The formal adoption date for our working name will be in October.

## **Wendover Canal Trust Marketing Group**

## What can you do?

We like to think we are a reasonably well organised bunch; we ask for donations, we spend those donations wisely, and we make it a point of principle to try to personally thank donors.

Occasionally though, we are stumped.

A few weeks ago we received a substantial and unexpected donation by post in the form of a cheque. A hand-written note was with the cheque so we know the name of the donor - but that's all. We don't have an address or email to use to claim gift aid, or more specifically to respond to with our thanks.

Our donor's note is reproduced here, with only the name removed for privacy reasons.

**So, donor X  
wherever you  
are, thank you  
very much.**

**Your donation  
will be put to  
good use.**



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Having had a delightful trip up the Wendover Arm earlier this month I enclose a cheque to put towards the continued restoration of the Arm. It was very interesting to walk along the tow path alongside the work - progress up to the 'watered' part of the Arm. We then crossed the wooden bridge & walked back to Little Tring over the fields. Definitely worth taking 24 hours out of our cruise down & back up the Grand Union.

Well done the team...

## Club 100 Lottery

This draw was made at the July council meeting.

The winners were....



Graham Watts £246.00



Bryan Barnes, £102.50



Martin Liles, £41.00

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all members who take part in the Club 100 lottery. Thanks to your support the scheme has raised well over £20,000 for restoration funds since it began in 1997.

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning next time, joining Club 100 couldn't be easier. Simply complete the application form and arrange payment (cheque, BACS transfer or standing order). Each lucky number costing £15 per year is entered into 4 quarterly draws. The jackpot is directly proportionate to the number of subscribers.

Remember you have to be a paid up member of the Trust to enter Club 100, each lucky number costs £15 per year for 4 prize draws. The prize fund increases with every new subscription taken out. **Join today** - the application form can be found on the website.

**The next draw will be in October 2021**



## Membership Update

With the new systems implemented at the beginning of the year, it has created a couple of teething issues with showing the correct number of new members. It's been a little confusing but as far as I can tell the numbers below are correct.



We have 9 new members since 1st April 2021, 3 of whom are life members, 4 are five year memberships and 2 annual payers.

Thank you for joining us.

**Peter Bird, Membership Secretary**

## Canal Walk in Tring

**Sunday 26th September 2021, 10am**

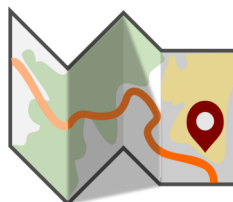


Meet at Startops End car park, Marsworth, Tring HP23 4LJ. There is a charge for the car park £1.50 for 3 hours.

The walk goes along the Wendover Arm towpath, crosses to Marsworth village and returns on the Aylesbury arm.

The walk is about 5 miles and is based on walk 19 with some modifications. No stiles and reasonably flat. Highlight Marsworth reservoir.

**Leader John Rowe,**  
**Telephone: 01442 862 619**  
**Mobile: 07816 654 982**



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Bucks

## Volunteer opportunities -

*Can you help us with either of these roles?*

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NEEDED**

### Volunteer - Information Manager



We are looking for one or two volunteers to help us with on line digital storage of our documents and pictures and to keep them secure but accessible when required.

The role will involve helping setting up and managing procedures for naming of documents/ pictures and controlling permissions for access to them by members of Council, our sub committees and working groups as required.

If you think you can help us please do get in touch.

**Email:** [chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

**Telephone:** 07547 181 857, leave a message and we will get back to you.



Thank you.



Please join us in thanking retiring treasurer Clive Wilson for looking after our finances for many years and wish him well with IWA.



Regards from your Editor  
Carol Williams (left)  
Assisted by Janine Jones (right).

**Deadline for the  
next newsletter is  
31st October 2021**



# WENDOVER CANAL TRUST

**President** Dr David Fletcher CBE  
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**Patron** Sir David Suchet CBE

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To promote the restoration and maintenance of the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal, (including all waterways, buildings, and related structures), to good and navigable order and to promote the fullest use of the waterway by water-borne traffic (subject to the regulations of The Canal and River Trust) and for local amenity, recreational and water related activities for the benefit of the public.

To restore, preserve, maintain and educate the public in the history, use and wildlife, of canals and inland waterways generally and the Wendover Arm in particular.

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