

Slough Arm Management and Action Plan

Actions/Notes from meeting on **7th September 2017**

Present: Louise Handley (LH), Jacqui Wheeler (JW), Jeannette Brooks (JB), Esther Masters (EM)

Apologies: Sam Thomas (ST), Gerald Pleace (GP), Steve Handley (SH), Tony Smith (TS), Diane Richards (DR)

ID	Ongoing Actions	Owner
1	Contact Fountains contractors about the litter picking regime currently being undertaken.	ST
2	Continue liaising with Jamie Green of the Jubilee River Riverside Centre – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on funding for a vehicle to allow outreach to canal for water activities. - Ask for him to give demo of canal water based activities 	JW
3	Liaise with Ian Blake Resilience/Enforcement to look at outreach potential for canal DONE	EM
4	Proceed with informal maintenance agreement/licence for the triangle area of land in CRT ownership.	GP/JW
5	Speak to Ian Coventry/Ollie Kelly to ensure that the triangle of land is included in Public Realm contract starting 1 st Dec 2017	JW/GP/EM
6	Identify other locations in CRT ownership where SBC want a licence to maintain.	JW/GP/EM
7	Ask CRT for resources for the Slough Canal Festival and other engagement activities. Identify who from CRT will attend.	JW
8	Contact Sabia Hussain and other relevant Councillors about the need to engage with the Goodman Park residents	GP/LH
9	Send Risk assessments for working alongside water to Jacqui and help arrange deep clean of the triangle <i>No info received yet.</i>	ST
10	Provide update on when the contractors will return to undertake the compensation works for the recent cable laying	ST
11	Find out details of current and future access required for the planned maintenance of the Uxbridge Road bridge from Sing Wai Yu.	JW
12	Ask Sing Wai Yu and Savio Decruz about partnership working with Housing, Active Communities, Kam Bhatti and Parks, and Cllrs to support a bid to the Community Asset Fund, Sport England. Establish who needs to approve making an application	JW/EM
13	Ride the canal towpath in Slough to identify hot spot locations for rough sleepers/drinkers/asb - DONE	LH
14	Map the information from site visit and photos into format to be presented at Canal Festival.	LH/SH
15	BASIN REGEN - Email James Lazarus, CRT to ask again that interim safety measures can be made on the narrow path north of the basin. Copy JB in. DONE	JW
16	ROUGH SLEEPERS	EM
	DR has reported an individual rough sleeper at the St Mary's Rd bridge. EM has passed this info on to Resilience & Enforcement and checked the borough boundary. This location is added to the list.	
	EM stated Home Office not doing anymore ops with Slough. No reason given. She will confirm with Ian Blake if night ops still going	

	<p>ahead and ask that JB comes along or her colleague Darren.Starling@canalrivertrust.org.uk</p> <p>JB advised that the CRT policy on rough sleepers is a no police agency approach;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can provide information to rough sleepers - Ask them to vacate the space (CRT land) - Advocates a multi-agency approach - Works alongside homelessness agency for support - Give out eviction letters with info on what to do and where to go. - Explore what can be done to mitigate and prevent rough sleeping re-occurring at the location eg; target hardening, landscaping. <p>JB asked what interventions Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC). Do they offer training?</p>	JW to investigate
	<p>Slough Canal Festival (sponsored by SUR)</p> <p>JB wants to expand the towpath and water space activities at the event to help expand the engagement with local communities. There is usually a 4 month run up to canal festivals to organise everything. Hayes Festival is on 23rd Sept 2017. Bids can be made specifically for engagement at festivals eg; Hillingdon Community Trust. This could be an option for Slough.</p> <p>CRT has new focus on development and engagement due to their charity status.</p>	

Main Aims;

1. All agreed to work towards building a partnership to manage/improve the Slough Arm with a multi-agency approach taking into account protection of the local habitat, flora/fauna.
2. Work towards building a community base over the next year to be pivotal in enabling a Sport England Community Asset Bid to be made.

Date of next meeting; **TBC 2017 10.30am**, Saturn Suite 2 St Martins Place, 2nd floor east, 51 Bath Road, SL1 3UF

Key of Stakeholder Contacts:

ST - Sam Thomas, Customer Operations Manager, Canal and River Trust

JG - Jon Guest, London Waterways Manager, Canal and River Trust

JW - Jacqui Wheeler, Public Rights of Way Officer, Integrated Transport, SBC

EM - Esther Masters, Community Safety Project Officer, SBC

GP - Gerald Pleace, Parks & Open Spaces Management Officer, SBC

LH - Louise Handley, Project Co-ordinator, Slough Amey

SH - Steve Handley, Project Co-ordinator, Slough Amey

DR - Diane Richards, The Friends of Slough Canal

JB – Jeannette Brooks, Development and Engagement Manager, Canal and River Trust

TS – Tony Smith, Local Supervisor, Canal and River Trust

1. Introductions
2. Agreement with CRT to maintain land at Goodman Park – progress and who will pay for maintenance? – Public Realm or Housing.
3. Water based activities - outcomes of risk assessment
4. Co-ordinated Big Tidy Up from the water and from the towpath – Spring 2018
5. Community Payback/CRT contracted cleaning – updates and/or issues?
6. Rough sleepers and co-ordination of cleaning contractors for extreme cleaning under Wexham Rd footbridge.
7. Super Space and match funding (inc. Halkingcroft Wood) – updates and how to progress
8. AOB