



Oakham Canal Green Corridor

Newsletter – August 2019

Project Update

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

The Oakham Angling Society have done a fantastic job over the last few weeks in maintaining the footpaths surrounding the fishing section. Further south, Rutland County Council have recently undertaken some major footpath improvements.



The project partners held a progress meeting on 24th July. The following is a brief summary of the latest position:

1. Rutland County Council are working to resolve the canal ownership and associated footpath issues at the Springfield estate. In the interim, we are unable to carry out any major works here.
2. To the North of the bypass, we will be continuing our efforts to re-align the E154 footpath with the canal bed. **We would be interested in hearing from local residents that walk this path regularly.**
3. We are working with the Trustees of St. John and St. Anne to obtain permissive

access rights to the footpaths to the western bank of the canal.

4. We have received quotes from two companies able to assist us with increasing the water depth to the canal at the Springfield estate, as well as the northernmost section. This work is vital for the long-term sustainability of the water and the wildlife that it supports.
5. We are about to commence work to improve the E154 footpath to the northern section with the support of staff from local company Bradshaw Taylor. We are keen to work with other local business who may be willing to support us.
6. We are working with Rutland County Council to review the provision of dog waste bins along the corridor.

Getting Involved

It is vital that we get local people involved in this project. There are several areas where you can get involved:

1. **Work Parties:** These will operate from the end of August onwards. If you can spare a few hours to come and help us, please get in touch.
2. **Tools:** We desperately need heavy duty gardening tools: loppers, rakes, shears, petrol trimmers etc. We also need a ride on mower. Please get in touch if you can donate any tools.
3. **Fund Raising:** We urgently need to begin to make funding applications for the major works required. If anyone has any experience in this field, we would really like to hear from you.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Paul Dadford on 07870 238688 or email pdadford@yahoo.co.uk.