



# Oakham Canal Green Corridor

## Newsletter – April 2019

### Project Update

Welcome to our first newsletter aimed at keeping you informed about the Oakham Canal Green Corridor project.



Our public meeting at Oakham Methodist Church on 6<sup>th</sup> February attracted around 70 residents. It was great to see the level of local support for the project. As we said at the meeting, there are many challenges to overcome, particularly in accessing all the land, and raising funds to carry out the planned works.

The project partners held a progress meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February and have now identified several workstreams, some of which we hope to progress quite quickly. We intend to focus our initial efforts on the northern section of the canal closest to the Enterprise Park, as well as the section at Springfield. You may have already noticed that Rutland County Council have recently carried out

much needed footpath improvement works to the north of the county boundary.

### Getting Involved

Following the public meeting, several residents expressed an interest in supporting us more actively. There are several areas where you can get involved in the project:

1. **Workparties:** We hope to be able to establish workparties in the late spring / summer to tackle some of the maintenance tasks.
2. **Specialist Skills:** If you hold a qualification in an area which may be useful to the project, particularly in the use of, or training on, specialist equipment, we would be keen to hear from you.
3. **Project Management:** The project partners have limited resources and could always use more support to help us move the project forward.
4. **Design:** We said at the meeting that we would like the Green Corridor to be designed and built by local people as far as possible. Particularly at Springfield, we need residents to help us create improvements to the current canal space. We would like to form a group to help us do that.

If you wish to get involved in any of these areas, please contact Paul Dadford on 07870 238688 or email [pdadford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pdadford@yahoo.co.uk).

As well as looking forward to hands-on support from residents we are currently in discussions with several local organisations who wish to get involved with the project. We hope to be able to make an announcement shortly.

Keep up to date with developments on the Melton & Oakham Waterways Society website: [www.meltonwaterways.org.uk](http://www.meltonwaterways.org.uk) or Sustainable Land Trust website: [www.sltrust.org.uk](http://www.sltrust.org.uk)