



**The Whitchurch Waterway Trust** was formed as a company limited by guarantee in 1988. It converted to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2021. A copy of the constitution is available on request. The Objects of the Charity are to promote the restoration, preservation and use of the Whitchurch Arm of the Llangollen Canal for the benefit of the public

### Management Committee

Mark Lacey	Chair
Kath Oldham	Membership Secretary
Hilary Seward	Trustee
Giles Sullivan	Whitchurch Town Council Rep
Bernise Tasker	Trustee
David Torrens	Treasurer
Alison Arkell	Trustee
Anthony Gilmore	Trustee
Doug Sealy	Trustee
Martyn Arkell	Trustee
Simon Tasker	Trustee

### Last Elected

AGM 2022
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Co-opted 2024
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Resigned 2024

We now have a healthy trustee board with a wide range of skills. New applicants are always welcome and should apply by emailing [chair@whitchurchwaterway.uk](mailto:chair@whitchurchwaterway.uk)

### Volunteers

Lindsay Green	Moorings Secretary	& Festival Host
David Thornton	Volunteer Leader	& Arm Maintenance
Joe Sheldon	Advertising Display Panels	
Anthony Gilmore	Leaflets & Photography	
David Stanier	Arm Maintenance	
Bob Sumner	Arm Maintenance	
Charlie Evans	Arm Maintenance	
Doug Sealy	Arm Maintenance	
Mark Lacey	Arm Maintenance	
Arthur Skitt	Arm Maintenance	Retired 2024
Helen Brockman	Secretary	Resigned 2024

We now have more regular volunteers who help to maintain the Arm. Many other volunteers also help with the Whitchurch Canal Festival.

### Financial

For the year 2023, WWT is reporting a surplus of £10,090 on income of £13,588 leaving us with free reserves of £51,944. Within this reserves figure, we have designated funds of £40,000 for future maintenance costs, £5,000 for the Whitchurch Country Park project and £1,000 for new signage.

<b>Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2023</b>
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<b>2022</b>				
Mooring Fees	4324	3002	Maintenance	854
3745				
Festival	3463	3555	Festival	1565
839				
Advertising	2070	390	Insurance	564
510				
Membership	1069	1083	Publicity	415
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Grants	1100	1450	IT	-
937				
Donations	895	635	Other	99
130				
Investments	667	779	<b>Total</b>	<b>3498</b>
<b>6161</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>13588</b>	<b>10894</b>	Surplus	10090
4734				

### **New Connection Agreement**

WWT has signed a new 150 year connection agreement with Canal & River Trust (CRT) that reduces the annual fee from 40% to 9% of mooring earnings. The only restriction is that we maintain 4 places for 48hr moorings which we will continue to offer free of charge. The agreement recognises that it is in everyone's interest that WWT is able to generate sufficient funds to pay for maintenance of the Arm. We would like to thank CRT for their positive response to our proposals.

### **Whitchurch Country Park**

Our application for a Community Asset Transfer of the Whitchurch Country Park has been successful. Heads of Terms for a 25-year lease have been agreed. The site will be managed alongside the Whitchurch Arm which is owned by the Trust. We have established a partnership of local organisations to help us with this work.

### **Advertising and Canal Signage**

We are in the process of replacing all of the signage on the Whitchurch Arm to support our new moorings charging policy. We have also made provision for local businesses to advertise on site within strict design criteria.

### **Canal Festival 2023**

The canal festival attracted 3500 people over the weekend to see trading boats, a wide variety of stalls and entertainment. Prizes for the best boat and best stall went to the Saturn Flyboat and Gwen Hicklin's craft stall. The judges were Deputy Lord Lieutenant Tullis Matson, Cllr Andy Hall Mayor of Whitchurch and Cllr Peggy Mullock. We also had a visit from Helen Morgan MP. A great time was had by all and many thanks to the volunteers for preparing the Arm for this event.

### **Future Plans**

Outstanding Priorities for 2024 - to complete Community Asset Transfer of the Whitchurch Country Park; to install new and replacement signage; to improve access for boat owners and drainage of the southern bank.

Longer term priorities - to arrange a third party maintenance inspection of the Arm; to develop cost effective methods of silt removal and piling replacement; to review plans for extending the canal into the town and if there is no viable option; to review the objects of the organisation.

**And Finally.....** thanks to Lindsay, Alex, Richard and Sophie at Chemistry Farm for providing our workshop and storage, and for hosting the annual festival. We literally

couldn't do it without you!