

# SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST

*A non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee.  
Registered in England & Wales No: 3294818. Registered Charity No. 1060234  
Registered Office: Island House, Moor Rd., Chesham, HP5 1WA*

## **Directors' Annual Report, December 2020**

This is the twenty-fourth annual report of the Directors of the Trust and covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. The company was incorporated on 19th December, 1996 and its full name is the Sleaford Navigation Trust. A company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales No. 03294818, the Trust is also a registered charity No. 1060234. The governing documents of the Trust are the memorandum and articles of association which have been approved by the Charity Commission.

The Directors of the Trust during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were:

Christine Hayes (Chairman)	David Carnell
Stephen Hayes (Secretary)	Penny Carnell
Debbie Scott	David Pullen (Engineer)
Pat Taylor	Susan Sowerby
Melvyn Sowerby	Rebecca Franks (Treasurer)

No director may remain in office for more than three years without seeking re-election.

The Trust registered office is: Island House, Moor Rd., Chesham, HP5 1WA  
General correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary at 10 Chelmer Close, Lincoln. LN6 8TH.

The main Agents of the Trust are:

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 2 Northgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. NG34 7BL

Auditors: Amanda Jay of Sleaford

Membership Secretary: Jenny Osborne, Bank House, Ruskington Fen, Billinghay, Lincoln, LN4 4DS

### **Objectives, Organisation and Activities**

The Company was established to stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the history, structure and beauty of the waterway known as the Sleaford Navigation or Kyme Eau and to promote the restoration and preservation of the waterway for navigation and other purposes.

#### **The Trust**

- is organised and controlled by its Directors who provide their services on a volunteer basis as members of the Executive Board which meets monthly, or more frequently if necessary, to formulate and implement strategy and to review progress. There are no paid or seconded staff.
- is a corporate member of the Inland Waterways Association which shares certain objectives with the Trust and provides help and support nationally and locally to all organisations engaged in waterway restoration.
- is a member of the Sleaford Sports Partnership.
- produces its own newsletter which is circulated to members.
- has a website [www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk](http://www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk) and a facebook page.
- liaises with NKDC Executive Board Councillor Mervyn Head who has specific responsibility for matters concerning the waterway.

### **Review of Progress and Achievements**

During the year, the Trust has continued, as much as has been possible, the publicity campaign undertaken in previous years. Restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic have severely limited all activities this year. Trust members were unable to attend the usual range of events because, in most

cases, these had to be cancelled. Press releases, articles and interviews continued to result in valuable publicity both locally and in the national waterways press.

Representatives of the Trust attended

- Zoom meetings of the Witham Catchment Partnership Steering Committee in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust.
- A fact-finding visit to the Cotswolds Canals Trust with Alan Gray, Economic Development Manager, NKDC, and NKDC Executive Board Councillor, Mervyn Head. This provided the opportunity to look closely at the working structure of the partnership the Trust has established with Stroud District Council and see the extensive restoration work they have completed.
- A funding workshop at Hatton organised jointly by IWA and CRT. Alan Gray, Economic Development Manager, NKDC, also attended as a guest of the Trust.
- A meeting with representatives of the Sleaford Civic Trust regarding plans for an area of the top pound near the slipway in Sleaford.
- A Teams meeting with representatives of NKDC and the EA to discuss and consider the details of planned flood relief measures.
- A series of meetings and conversations in connection with proposed work on the weir crest and by-wash at Haverholme Lock in preparation for further work on the lock itself. Consultation took place with personnel from North Kesteven District Council, the Environment Agency and the Inland Waterways Association Restoration Hub.

Trust work parties have continued, where possible, at a number of locations including Taylors Lock and Sleaford.

The Annual Boat Gathering in South Kyme in May was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions as was the AGM. A Zoom AGM took place later in September.

### **Review of Financial Activities and Affairs**

The resources available are considered adequate to enable the Trust to continue its work effectively at this stage of the restoration programme. The Trust's assets are adequate to fulfil all its obligations and there are no commitments which are required to be disclosed in this report or the notes to the accounts. The Trust is registered for VAT.

For and on behalf of the Executive Board  
Steve Hayes,  
Director & Secretary