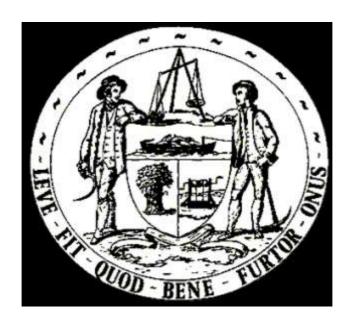
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Aims & Objectives

The Trust aims to stimulate public interest and appreciation of the history, structure and beauty of the waterway known as the Slea, or the Sleaford Navigation. It aims to restore, improve, maintain and conserve the waterway in order to make it fully navigable. Furthermore it means to restore associated buildings and structures and to promote the use of the Sleaford Navigation by all appropriate kinds of waterborne traffic. In addition it wishes to promote the use of towpaths and adjoining footpaths for recreational activities.

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Editorial

Welcome to newsletter number 36!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue.

We always welcome your contributions (words and photographs) to make the newsletter informative and interesting for members and potential members. The deadline for the next issue, Autumn 2012, will be 15th September.

If you wish to receive an email copy of the newsletter, please email the address to the left. These are sent out at the same time as the postal versions, but also include colour photos, if applicable. We experimented with an online version of the newsletter for No 35 on www.issuu.com and we welcome your views on this and any other navigation matter

Debbie Scott

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Chairman's Report Chris Hayes

Spring at last, lighter nights are with us and we've put the boards on the sluices at Bottom Lock in order to raise the water level for the boating season. Sadly though there has only been a brief respite from the weed which has stayed on the Slea and the Witham throughout the winter. It died down for about a month or so and now seems all too ready to flourish again.

This problem is by no means just local or limited to the Slea but is causing major headaches throughout the region. When we add to that the recent announcements of hosepipe bans and water shortages through large areas of the country, prospects for Summer boating are not good. Obviously the ramifications go far beyond any problems for boaters and threaten to have highly damaging effects on agriculture and on wildlife dependent on the water. For once we are looking for weather forecasts which don't centre on blue skies and sunshine.

The exception to that will be in the case of the weekend of May 5th and 6th when a lack of rain and wind will be most appreciated. South Kyme Festival promises to be an exciting weekend full of different activities, all of which will be enhanced by good weather. After all the planning meetings the date of the festival is drawing near but all that can be done as far as that final icing on the cake, sunshine, is concerned is to keep fingers firmly crossed.

Come and visit us there if you can, we'd be very pleased to see you if you make yourself known at the SNT gazebo not far from Kyme Tower.

Sleaford Navigation Sales Company Chris Hayes

When the Sleaford Navigation Society became the Sleaford Navigation Trust we were advised that in order to carry on trading we would need to set up an additional sales company. In practice, the trading the company undertakes is limited and consists of the sale of a variety of promotional items such as mugs, tea-towels, bookmarks, etc. These items are in the capable hands of Pat Taylor who is Chairman of the sales



company and does sterling service in ordering goods, keeping records of stock and manning the sales stall at any number of events throughout the year. Profits from the sales, together with any donations received are given to the Trust.

Pat Taylor

Photo: Steve Hayes

Over the years we have come to realise that the structure of the sales company and the administrative tasks involved in running it are out of proportion to the business it undertakes and the profit it achieves. Returns have to be made for tax purposes, the accounts audited and then information submitted to Companies House. This onerous task has fallen to Steve Hayes as Secretary

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and Treasurer of the sales company and it would be fair to say it has caused more than one headache!

Close reading of the Articles of Association of the Trust and the Charity Commission rules regarding trading, followed up by consultation with the Company Secretary of the Inland Waterways Association, has confirmed that the level of business we are conducting does not, in fact, require a separate sales company and the sale of promotional goods can be undertaken through the Trust's accounts. Accordingly it has been agreed by the committee that the Sleaford Navigation Sales Company will cease to trade and be wound up.

I'd like to thank Pat and Steve for all the work they have put in to running the sales company and trying to get their heads round the complexities involved. Hopefully the future arrangements will be simpler to manage.

Be assured though, Pat will still be there on the sales stall at South Kyme and all those desirable items will still be available for purchase, then and in the future.

Can you recognise this lock? Answer on page 21.

Identification can be made from the brickwork pattern on the wing walls.



SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Sleaford Navigation Trust will be held at the Sleaford Sports Partnership, Sleaford, on Wednesday 9th May, 2012, starting at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.

To receive apologies for absence.

To approve the Minutes for the previous year.

To receive the Directors' Report for the year ending 31st December 2011.

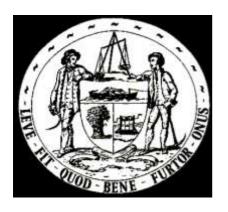
To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2011.

To re-appoint Page Kirk of Nottingham as the Company's Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

Election of Directors. Stephen Hayes and Susan Sowerby are due to retire by rotation.

To transact any other business that may be deemed appropriate by the Chairman.

Following the meeting there will be a talk by Geraint Coles, Development Director of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership, on "Managing a Sustainable Restoration".



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Directors' Annual Report December 2011

This is the fifteenth annual report of the Directors of the Trust and covers the year to 31st December, 2011. The company was incorporated on 19th December, 1996 and its full name is the 'Sleaford Navigation Trust'. It is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales No. 03294818. On 17th January, 1997 the Trust became a registered charity No. 1060234 and on 20th January, 1997 took over all assets and liabilities of the 'Sleaford Navigation Society' Registered Charity No.515144. The Society was subsequently dissolved being removed from the Charity Commissioners list of charities on 24th September, 1997. The address of the registered correspondent is 10 Chelmer Close, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 8TH. 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 31st December 2011 were:

Christine Hayes (Chairman) David Carnell

Stephen Hayes (Secretary) John Line

Penny Carnell (Treasurer) Debbie Scott

David Pullen (Engineer) Susan Sowerby Pat Taylor Melvyn Sowerby

All the directors were elected at the first annual general meeting in 1998 with the exception of David Carnell who is the nominee of the Lincolnshire Branch of the Inland Waterways Association and Debbie Scott, Melvin Sowerby, John Line and Penny Carnell who were elected later. The Trust's governing documents contain powers to authorise outside bodies to appoint a nominee director and this authority was used at the 1998 Annual General Meeting for the Lincolnshire Branch of the Inland Waterways Association. No director may remain in office for more than three years without seeking re-election.

The Trust registered office is: 10 Chelmer Close, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 8TH. General correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary at the registered office.

The main Agents of the Trust are

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

Solicitors: Shakespeares, 10 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham. B2 5RS.

Auditors: Page Kirk, Sherwood House, 7 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham. NG7 6LB,

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 formerly known as The Sleaford Navigation or Kyme Eau and to promote the restoration and preservation of the waterway for navigation and other purposes.

These aims are being furthered by the Trust's policy of mobilising support for the restoration, finding solutions to the technical and other difficulties associated with its revival and ongoing operation, and the identification of sources of funding with which to finance the work. In appropriate situations the Trust will use volunteer and / or paid labour to advance the physical work of restoration. This is a continuation of the policies adopted by Sleaford Navigation Society which led to the route of the navigation being recognised and protected under the County Structure and District Council Local plans. No material change of policy has been made by the Trust during the year.

The Trust is organised and controlled by its Directors who provide their services on a volunteer basis as members of the Executive Board. The Board meets monthly, or more frequently if necessary, to formulate and implement strategy and to review progress. There are no paid or seconded staff.

The Trust 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. The physical restoration work by the Trust's own volunteers is supplemented by that of the Waterway Recovery Group (WRG), the national coordinating body for volunteer labour on the inland waterways of Britain. The Trust is a member of the Sleaford Chamber of Commerce and the Sleaford Sports Partnership. The Trust works

with the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership which is being led by Lincolnshire County Council, British Waterways and the Environment Agency in order to enhance and develop Lincolnshire waterways for the benefit of the community. Representatives of the Trust attend meetings of AINA and Northern Canals Association.

Review of Progress and Achievements

The Trust has, over the last year, continued to be a committed member of the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership which is seeking to develop Lincolnshire waterways for all users and to support the establishment of the Fens Waterways Link. Use of the waterway and its surroundings is being promoted through the Partnership News Letter. The Trust produces its own newsletter which is circulated to members.

Together with the Sleaford Rugby Club, the Sleaford Women's Rugby Club and the Sleaford Women's Netball Club, the Trust is part of the Sleaford Sports Partnership. The Trust continued to use the Sports Partnership premises for some meetings.

The Trust has representation on the Sleaford Masterplan, Environmental Strategy Working Group.

The Trust has continued the publicity campaign undertaken in previous years. Activities have included attendance at a series of events which were successful in raising public awareness of the navigation and also proved a success in the secondary function of fund-raising. These included Charity Markets at Washingborough, the Lincoln Castle based festival commemorating 1000 years of Craft, a Waterways event at Cogglesford Mill, the Historic Car Rally in Sleaford, Grantham Canal Event and attendance at the

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National Waterways Festival at Burton upon Trent. A number of press releases and interviews resulted in valuable publicity both locally and in the national waterways press. In addition visual promotional presentations were given by Trust members to a variety of audiences.

The traditional boat-gathering at South Kyme took place in May and formed part of the first, highly successful, South Kyme Festival. The Trust has continued to build on the good relationship that has been established with the village during previous events and planning has started for the 2012 festival.

The Trust has been working with the South Kyme Parish Council to establish a Water Access Point in South Kyme and a Winding Hole just upstream of the village. The Parish Council are in the process of acquired the land necessary for the Water Access Point and the Trust is looking to the funding applications and consents required before work can commence. Negotiations are underway with the landowner concerning the Winding Hole.

Trust work parties have continued at a number of locations including strimming work undertaken in Sleaford in preparation for the October SaFire event.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The financial position of the Trust is broadly similar to that of last year. The resources available are considered adequate to enable the Trust to continue its work effectively at this stage of the restoration programme. The involvement of other bodies through the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership gives support both in financial terms and in funding applications. In addition the Trust has received monies from individual donors. 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.

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

SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting held at the Sleaford Sports Partnership, Sleaford, on Wednesday 11th May, 2011

Apologies: Mr G Scott, Mr D Tomlinson, Mrs B Jones, Mr DJ Hayes, Miss RJ Hayes, Mrs Y Pullen, Mr & Mrs K Foster, Mr & Mrs R Alexander, Mrs S Sowerby.

Minutes of the last AGM: The minutes were proposed as a true record, proposed by Mr P Jowett, seconded by Mrs D Scott.

Directors Report: It was recorded that the report had been circulated. Mrs Hayes summarised the report, noted as being the fourteenth annual report, and outlined current progress. The report was proposed by Mr P Jowett, seconded by Mr D Carnell.

Thanks were extended to all committee members and members for the work that they carried out on behalf of the Trust.

Accounts and Auditors' Report: The accounts and report were presented to the meeting. The accounts were proposed by Mrs D Scott, seconded by Mr J Line.

The auditors, Page Kirk of Nottingham, proposed by Mr J Line,

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seconded by Mr M Sowerby, were re-elected unanimously.

Election of Directors: The following Directors stood for reelection, Mrs D Scott and Mrs P Carnell. Proposed by Mr S Hayes, seconded by Mr N Osborne. The directors were elected unanimously.

Any Other Business: None.

On-going SNT Projects

David Carnell

Further work on the Water Access Point in South Kyme will be dependent on accurate engineering drawings. We are delighted that staff and students from the Building & Construction Dept. at Lincoln College will be helping us by surveying the area in question to supply accurate technical information to enable the drawings to be completed.

Monthly volunteer work parties have been clearing willow trees from the channel at Haverholme Lock and vegetation from the banks within Sleaford. This work received many compliments from the public who use the riverside paths.

Some tree branch removal has been undertaken in South Kyme to reduce flood risk and make easier the passage of boats for the May festival.

Any one interested in helping the Trust can contact the work party organiser Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810.



Advertisement

FOR SALE: Caulton - Chapel Hill - just £229,999!

A rare opportunity to purchase a detached character cottage with approximately 220 feet with mooring and fishing rights together with a total plot that extends to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre providing more than ample parking, delightful gardens, and two private fishing pegs on adjoining carp pond.

The property has south facing gardens and has been totally refurbished over recent years to now provide superb accommodation with many features. The

accommodation



Photo: Mark Rice

comprises 25'10 lounge/diner, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, utility room, three double bedrooms & en-suite. Outside there is a detached garage. The property benefits from oil central heating and double glazing and has no forward chain.

Viewing is highly recommended by the selling agent to appreciate this superb location which is a fisherman's heaven and the cottage is in a tucked away position close to the side of the River Witham.

For more details contact Mark Rice, 19 Northgate, Sleaford www.markrice.co.uk 01529 414488 (reference: MKR1001295)

A Handle on the Handleys

Chris Hayes

The name of Handley is familiar in Sleaford and part of the town's history but there may be some confusion over the roles taken by different members of the family. Reference is sometimes made to "Handley" as if there was only one man of importance by that name who accomplished everything of note single-handed.

The well-known Handley
Monument commemorates
the life and work of Henry
Handley who was born in
Sleaford in 1797 and died
in 1846. Handley was
Member of Parliament for
South Lincolnshire and



Handley Monument, Southgate, Sleaford

Photo: Debbie Scott

later President of the Royal Agricultural Society. Records of his voting in parliament show his opposition to foreign corn imports, clearly he was all too aware of the economic importance of agriculture to the local economy. During the 1830s he was a

champion of steam power and offered a prize for anyone who could design a successful steam plough. His interest in transport was focused on the new railways though, not on canals, and he commissioned a survey of the proposed route for a Grand Northern Railway between London and York. The monument was originally known as the "Handley Testimonial in Sleaford" was erected in 1850 by public subscription at the request of a number of townspeople who raised the sum of £942 for its construction.

Simple calculation shows that this Handley was not the one who was instrumental in the establishing of the Sleaford Navigation and who is commemorated in the sizeable, silver Handley Cup, now the property of the Trust and displayed in Navigation House, Sleaford. The Navigation opened in 1794, before Henry was born, and it was his father, Benjamin Handley, who was the benefactor and one of the driving forces.

Benjamin Handley (1754 -1828) had moved to Sleaford some time before April 1777, when he appears in records as an attorney in the town. He seems to have been involved chiefly in the conveyance of property in the area until he co-founded the Bank of Peacock, Handley and Kirton, which opened in 1792 in Sleaford market place. Significantly, the date coincided with the Act of Parliament enabling the creation of the navigation and the enterprise was closely related to the Sleaford Navigation project and its finances. Handley loaned money to the Company of the Proprietors of the Sleaford Navigation and conducted company finances through his own account. Whilst not a recommended style of managing affairs nowadays it appears to have been recognised then as a way of helping the new company to establish itself. The location of the bank in Sleaford was in the building still occupied by Lloyd's Bank today. The Handley Cup was given to him by local businessmen in recognition of his part

in the establishing of the highly profitable and successful Sleaford Navigation.

Benjamin Handley may have been successful in business but also had a share of tragedy in his life. He had a son Benjamin, who was born late in 1785, but this child must have been dead by 1791, when another son of his was baptised Benjamin. This Benjamin, a lieutenant in the 9th Regiment of the Light



Henry Handley

Photo: Debbie Scott

Dragoons, was drowned at the age of 21 whilst serving in the Peninsular Wars, when his boat capsized crossing the Tagus River. His cousin from the Newark arm of the family (also called Benjamin) was in the same boat, but narrowly survived.

The military connection continued in the family and Henry Edwardes Handley, the eldest son of Henry Handley, was also a soldier and a veteran of the Crimean War. In 1853 he joined the 2nd Regiment of the Light Dragoons as a cornet and, at 19, commanded the right hand troop

of his regiment during the famous Charge of the Light Brigade in 1854.

Another of Henry Handley's sons, Edward Handley, became Rector of All Saints' Church, Winthorpe, near Newark and lived at Muskham Grange. In 1886, he decided that the existing church, a Georgian building, was in such a bad condition it should be rebuilt at his own cost. Apparently when the site of the old church was excavated for the new foundations to be put in,

evidence of its occupation by Parliamentary troops during the Civil War was uncovered. The cannon emplacements from which attacks had been made on Newark, together with quantities of damaged gunpowder came to light, as did the skeletons of some hundreds of men buried in rows, without coffins. Presumably they had died in the fighting and been given a speedy burial of necessity. Congregations in the years following probably had little knowledge of the mass grave beneath them or indeed of the quantity of potentially unstable gunpowder stored nearby!



Handley Street: Unusual street sign set in a stone window.

Photo: Debbie Scott

In the latter part of the 1800s elements of the family emigrated to New Zealand and Australia but this doesn't really explain one remaining question. How did the Handley Cup later turn up in South Africa from where it was generously donated to Sleaford Navigation Trust in the 1990s? That's another story.

Other Stories linked to the Handley family....

Did you know that Handley Street, near to the monument, was apparently built from the leftover and discarded bricks from the construction of the Bass Maltings?

Do you know why the monument is now overlooked by a dragon? Once again, that's another story!

Did you recognise the lock in the picture on page 5?

The photo was Haverholme Lock, taken c1890. The lock can be identified from the pattern of the stone corners of the wing walls.



Haverholme Lock c1890 (Unknown Photographer)



Haverholme Lock c1995 (Steve Hayes)

This later picture of the lock, taken exactly one hundred years ago, shows that Haverholme was a popular place to walk on a Sunday as it is today. The gates were still in place if a bit leaky and the lock was beginning to look quite overgrown.



Haverholme Lock c1912 (Unknown Photographer)

Updates from other Lincolnshire Waterways David Carnell, Branch Chairman IWA

Weed on the Witham

Due to a large financial input, £80,000 from British Waterways and use of their man power and equipment, the weed was controlled to the extent the Olympic Rowing trials, which had been in doubt, were a great success. Efforts to use a vacuum system to remove weed in the Bardney Lock area were unsuccessful, the weed proving so dense that the suction pipes could not cope.

Further meetings between user groups, BW and the EA have resulted in identifying the sources of the weed entering the main river. A draft weed management proposal is being drawn up and possible sources of funding sought to purchase a larger weed machine, suitable for river work.

Witham Navigable Drains

BW have completed the replacement of the gates at Anton's Gowt Lock, giving access to the Witham Navigable Drains. Other works include the removal of a large willow tree that made mooring difficult at the upstream pontoon landing. In Boston the old finger moorings have been removed. These were past their sell by date and too short to cater for the increased number of narrow boats now visiting Boston and the Fenland Link. The existing pontoon moorings are to be extended with a free 5 day maximum stay to cater for people wishing to explore Boston. On the Witham Navigable Drains damage has been caused to Cow Bridge Lock guillotine gate winding gear. The padlock and retaining bracket were smashed and, with the mitre gates open, the guillotine was raised, causing a flood of water from the Maud Foster Drain through the lock chamber. Signs of fish nets in the chamber indicate this was done to catch fish as they were swept through. Falling water levels in the Town raised the alarm. The Internal Drainage Board have repaired the damage and are to

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install a cover over the padlock. This will also be secured with a BW Watermate lock.

River Ancholme. The Tourism and Leisure departments of Brigg Town Council and North Lincs. Councils are creating a Heritage Trail for the river which will encompass ideas suggested at the Ancholme User Group meetings. This will see the return of the historic "Brigg Boat" from the Maritime Museum at Greenwich to Brigg and a display in the newly created Heritage Centre in the Market Place. Some monies from supermarket developments within the town are being used and an application made for a Stage One Heritage Lottery bid.

Louth Navigation. To allay the fears of flooding to people and property, the Environment Agency are to spend £60,000 dredging the waterway to its original profile in the Tetney Lock and Austen Fen areas. The Louth Navigation Trust are drawing up contracts and tender forms for consultants to ascertain the costs of arresting the damage caused to Alvingham Lock by flood waters and winter weather. An Expression of Interest funding application is being prepared.

Grantham Canal The Society continues to make improvements in the Vale of Belvoir. Funding for new lock gates on the top lock at Woolsthorpe will see them fitted early this year, allowing the trip boats to pass through three locks adjacent to the Pub and travel the top four miles of waterway.

A Stage One Heritage Lottery award allows them to get structural surveys and costings carried out on the next two locks. They plan to run Heritage Skills courses to re-instate the two locks.

The society publishes a monthly email newsletter at membership@granthamcanal.com

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Dates for your diary:

The following activities are planned over the next few months, so please make a note of them and endeavour to support your Trust in any way you can. All Sleaford Sports Partnership Events will be held at the David Williams Pavilion, Sleaford Rugby Club, Ruskington Road, Sleaford, NG34 7SP.

Usually Second Sunday of the Month	SNT Work Parties. Contact Mel Sowerby (01522 856810 or sowerbys@ntlworld.com) for details.
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May 2012	River Slea. South Kyme Festival and Boat Gathering. Full programme of village events, scarecrow trail, historic re-enactment, arts, crafts and waterway charity stalls see www.skfest.co.uk
Wednesday 9th May 7.30pm 2012	Annual General Meeting of the Sleaford Navigation Trust will be held at the Sleaford Sports Partner- ship, Ruskington Road, Sleaford (See agenda on
Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July	Chesterfield Canal Festival see www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July	Heckington Show see www.heckingtonshow.org.uk

Sleaford Navigation Trust is a member of the Sleaford Sports Partnership (SSP)

All SNT members are automatically SSP members, and are welcome to join in any of the SSP events, which are all held at the David Williams Pavilion, Sleaford Rugby Club, Ruskington Road, Sleaford. Further details available from Norman on 01526 832256, or Barbara on 01529 303749

