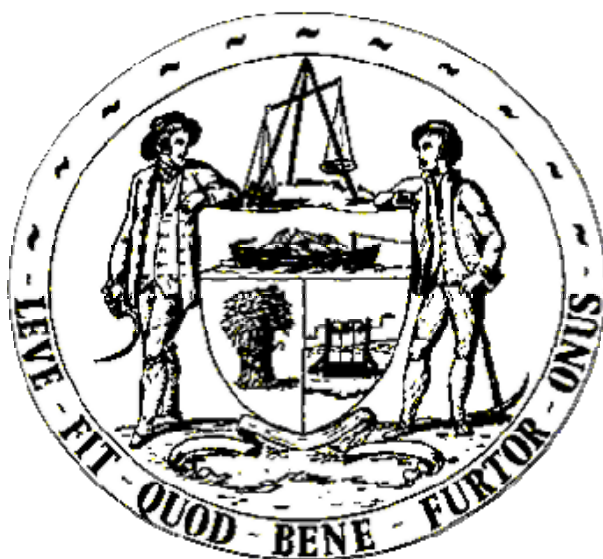


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## Aims & Objectives

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 48

Spring has truly sprung now, although a few frosts remain around the countryside.

Two major forthcoming events feature in this newsletter, firstly the Boat Gathering at South Kyme, 29th April to 1st May, and then the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th May. Lots of news too about Coir Rolls and other work party activities.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be 1st September

If you wish to receive your copy by email, please do let us know

*Debbie Scott, Editor*

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Coir rolls at South Kyme  
With help from RAF Digby  
March 2016

Photos: Mel Sowerby





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for the story  
and more  
photos



# Sleaford Navigation Trust

## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30 pm

The David Williams  
Pavilion  
Sleaford Rugby Club  
Ruskington Road  
Sleaford



Followed by a talk  
by  
David Marriage  
The Creation and  
Development of Sleaford Museum

The meeting is open to everyone, with no admission charge, but please note that only members of the Sleaford Navigation Trust are eligible to vote during the AGM

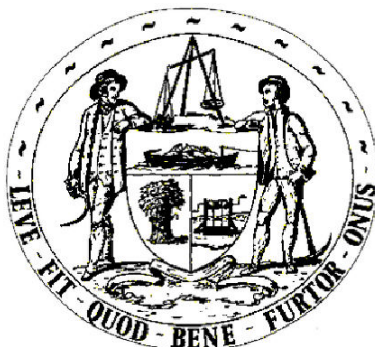
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Agenda and papers available on [www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk](http://www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk)

**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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, starting at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes for the previous year.
3. To receive the Directors' Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
4. To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
5. To appoint Staniforth & Co. of Nottingham as the Company's Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
6. Election of Directors. Stephen Hayes and Susan Sowerby are due to retire by rotation. Rebecca Franks has been co-opted as a Director during the year and is therefore also standing for election.
7. To transact any other business that may be deemed appropriate by the Chairman.

Following the meeting, David Marriage will speak about the creation and development of the highly successful Sleaford Museum.



# **SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST**

## **Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held at the Sleaford Sports Partnership, Sleaford, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

### **Apologies:**

Mrs D Scott, Mr & Mrs M Pitcaithly, Mr D Tomlinson.

### **Minutes of the last AGM:**

The minutes were approved as a true record, proposed by Mr M Phillips, seconded by Mr P B Jowett.

### **Directors' Report:**

It was recorded that the report had been circulated. Mrs Hayes summarised the contents and noted it as being the eighteenth annual report.

Its reception was proposed by Mrs P Taylor, seconded by Mr A Waugh.

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. Their reception was proposed by Mr P B Jowett, seconded by Mr M Sowerby.

The appointment of Staniforth & Co of Nottingham as the Company's Auditors and the authorisation of the Directors to fix their remuneration was proposed by Mrs S Sowerby, seconded by Mr N Osborne.



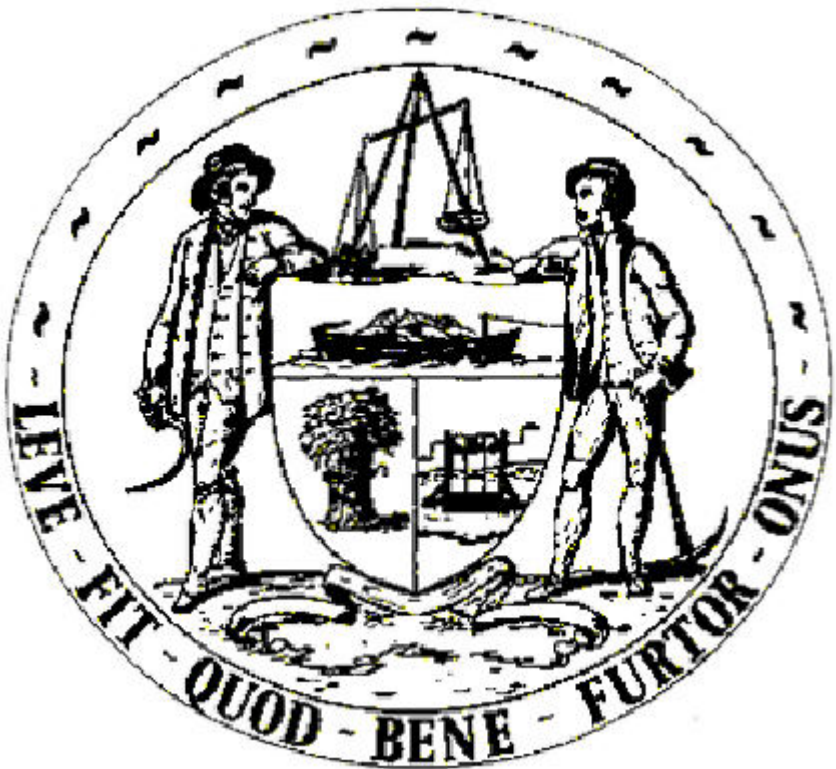
### **Election of Directors:**

The following Directors stood for re-election, Mrs D Scott and Mrs P Carnell.

Both were elected unanimously.

### **Any Other Business:**

Mrs Hayes reported on the activities of the Trust so far in 2015 and outlined current progress.



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## **Directors' Annual Report December 2015**

This is the nineteenth annual report of the Directors of the Trust and covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015. 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 2015 were:

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

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

Auditors: Staniforth & Co of Nottingham

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.

### **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 and continues to use their premises for some meetings.

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.

## **Review of Progress and Achievements**

During the year 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, in some cases, also proved a success in the secondary function of fund-raising. These included Heckington Show, waterways events at Navigation House and Cogglesford Mill and on the Grantham Canal. The Trust also attended the CRT promotional event in Nottingham.

The Trust received funding from the Co-op Community Champions Initiative.

Press releases, articles 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 including Sleaford/Kesteven Rotary, Louth Navigation Trust AGM and the Sleaford Widows Group. A presentation on the Navigation was also made to a Lincolnshire Historical Seminar in Sleaford.

Representatives of the Trust attended an Inland Waterways Association/Canal & River Trust seminar in Birmingham and one on funding at Hollingwood Hub on the Chesterfield Canal, an IWA seminar on Next Generation Waterway Support in Birmingham, CRT Local Forum meetings in Lincoln and Retford, the CRT reception in Nottingham and Annual Partnership Meeting in Lincoln. Representatives attend Northern Canals Association meetings. The Trust is represented on the Witham Catchment Partnership Steering Committee and has worked in conjunction with the Wild Trout Trust and Lincolnshire Rivers Trust. Directors of SNT attend meetings of the Sleaford Regeneration Group and also meetings of the NKDC organised group monitoring vermin near the Slea. The Trust attended the Annual Town Meeting in Sleaford.

SNT hosted the East Anglian Waterways AGM in South Kyme. Richard Parry, CEO of Canal & River Trust, accepted an invitation to visit the Navigation.

Representatives of SNT have attended meetings with the Environment Agency and South Kyme Parish Council, separately and together, to discuss waterway related issues.

Trust work parties have continued at a number of locations including Taylors Lock, Haverholme Lock and Sleaford. Work at Cogglesford Lock has seen the removal of trees which were potentially damaging the structure and cosmetic brickwork replacement.

The traditional boat-gathering at South Kyme took place in May and the Annual Dinner was held in Sleaford in November.

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

The Trust has been fortunate enough to receive monies from individual donors and raised capital from the sale of goods. 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.

For and on behalf of the Executive Board

Steve Hayes,

Director & Secretary

The Tillergraph, Towpath Talk and the Canal Boating Times are all available free of charge from Navigation House (and other reputable waterside locations), please do drop in and pick up a copy. Navigation House is now open 12-4 daily, 11-4.30 at weekends. Free Admission. A growing stock of postcards, gifts, books and Navigation Trust items is available to buy.



Cogglesford Watermill said goodbye to Michael Darling at Christmas. Dawn Oakley is now working with Barry Bailey and the Mill continues its Milling Days on the second Sunday of each month. Other events coming up include

### **A Walk through History, Sunday 19 June, Meet at Navigation House at 10.30am**

Local historian, Simon Pawley will guide you through a part of the traditional market town of Sleaford. The walk will include a visit to Old Sleaford and The Old Place, once the home of powerful nobleman Lord John Hussey, who was executed for disloyalty to Henry VIII after the 1536 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Risings. Find out what the most recent archaeology has discovered on the site. Learn, too, why one of the best known vanished landmarks of Sleaford never really existed!

### **Loving Local – Food and Crafts, Sunday 14 August, 10.30a to 3.30pm**

Discovernk is teaming up with Select Lincolnshire to showcase all that is excellent in Lincolnshire. A chance to discover delicious local produce and fabulous local crafts.

**Heritage Open Days, Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September** designed to encourage visitors to explore their local history and heritage. There will be a free fun family trail at each centre on both days and you can see Cogglesford Watermill in action on Sunday. Greenfield Bakery will be joining Cogglesford Watermill with their delicious bread baked in a wood fired oven.



# **Sleaford Navigation Trust**

## **Boat Gathering**

in

## **South Kyme**

**Spring Bank Holiday Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - Mon 31<sup>st</sup> April**

**Pub Quiz**

**Boaters BBQ**

**Dance**

**Church Service**

**Pub Lunch**

**Scarecrow Competition**

**phone 07796546498**

**or**

**emailsleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com**

**For more details and booking**

## What's On at The Hume during the South Kyme Boat Gathering?

Friday 29th April, with a prompt start at 8pm, the Hume Arms Quiz will give the perfect opportunity to meet newcomers into our village and also vice-versa for them to meet the very people that will be judging their effort in the time, energy and enthusiasm they have put in by way of the scarecrows.

Once again, as it has been, to ensure fairness, teams can be made up of 1 to 4 people. There will be prizes for best and last!!! Entry to the quiz is £5.00 per person and that includes supper, so no-one need bother cooking.

Saturday 30th April, we will remain open all day, serving bar food/snacks and most importantly beverages. There is an event 'Boogie 70's & 80's theme at the village hall, therefore we will remain open to serve our normal restaurant fayre.

Sunday 1st May, following the service at the church, The Hume will offer a 2-Course traditional roast beef/ vegetarian option and Maeve's homemade pudding for £15.00 per person.

Bookings are strongly advised, call Vijay and Maeve on 01526 869143 .



**New Members :** If you are thinking of joining please do get in touch or pick up a membership application form from events or Navigation House in Sleaford. If you are already a member and would like to upgrade to paying by Standing Order please contact Jenny Osborne on 01526 832256. The saving in postage for reminders and trips to the bank will be much appreciated by the Trust and helpers.

## South Kyme Coir roll installation: Part One

You may remember that in the last newsletter we announced that we had been successful in a bid to the Environment Agency for money to finance works to stabilise the banks of the Slea in Sleaford and South Kyme through the installation of coir roll. The works would have to be completed within a deadline and would need Land Drainage Consent before they could proceed.

Unfortunately, the consent was not forthcoming for the works in Sleaford and attention had to divert to South Kyme where we had already received EA permissions. We managed to persuade the suppliers to deliver the rolls, brushwood faggots and stakes in time for a planned work party with personnel from RAF Digby on the weekend of March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Steph Munks was kind enough to allow delivery of materials into his yard and agreed to move them to the riverbank for us. We were ready to go!

On Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> the heavens opened and it poured all day. The water level in South Kyme rose and then the river began to flow with alarming speed. There was no way that we could work as we had planned, the area where the roll would be installed was now underwater and conditions were decidedly unsafe. The RAF fully understood the situation so the work party was stood down and dates rearranged.

Eventually we agreed on two weekends. There would be a work party for SNT volunteers and South Kyme helpers on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the RAF volunteers would attend the following weekend to continue the work.

It was the first time we had installed the coir roll but all has gone well following careful logistical planning. The rolls were floated across the river attached to a rope and then fastened between the stakes which had been hammered into the river bed. This was definitely wader work! Once the technique had been established, installation progressed fairly quickly.

On the second day work focused on the area near the footbridge and the water here was deeper. This meant that the brushwood faggots had to be placed beneath the coir rolls to raise them to water level. That required a slight change of method as the faggots showed a remarkable tendency to float off if given the chance! The location also meant that it was easier to carry the rolls and faggots to site rather than floating them upstream. You could have been forgiven for thinking that volunteers were part of a hunting party returning from catching a large fat snake!



Thanks to all who turned up to help and for the support from the village.  
The use of the Village Hall as a base was much appreciated.

Part Two to follow.



Photos: Mel Sowerby



The February 2016 work party undertook more restoration work at Cogglesford Lock, with Roy Thornley bricklaying, Mel Sowerby supervising and i/c refreshments. David Pullen and Keith Simmons were along there helping.

One more session should see the bricklaying completed and then it will be time to reposition the massive coping stones .

Moving these stones will require a crane which is capable of lifting weights up to 1 tonne but small enough to track over the bridge.



*Editor's note: a visitor to Navigation House recently related that he was a member of a Sleaford Navigation Society work party in the early 1990s that was working on clearing trees etc from the walls at Cogglesford Lock when the removal of one small tree, whose roots were pushing the walls into the Lock, caused at least one of the coping stones to fall into the water. He was remorseful but there was absolutely nothing they could do to retrieve it at the time!*



April's Work Party included building a temporary landing stage at South Kyme.

Pictures showing wader-men pondering and then the end result!

Photos: Steve Hayes



SNT Work Parties go on throughout the year, usually on the second Sunday of the month. Contact Mel Sowerby (01522 856810 or [sowerbys@ntlworld.com](mailto:sowerbys@ntlworld.com)) for details of upcoming dates and activities

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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.

