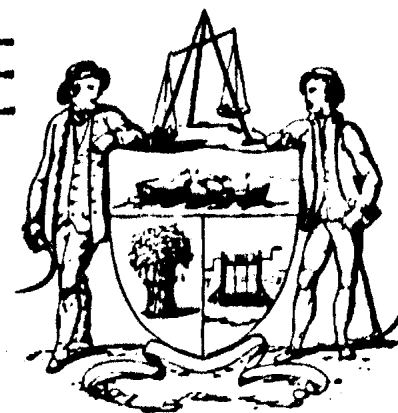


COMPANY OF PROPRIETORS OF THE SLEAFORD NAVIGATION SOCIETY



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£1,000

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The above is the target we have set ourselves to raise in a walk arranged for October 16th from Anwick to Sleaford.

The Society has over 100 members and many friends of members who have supported us at various events in the past. We need that support now to raise our very low internal funds. One hundred walkers averaging £10 each would meet the target but many have raised much more at previous walks.

Please turn out for the Society and bring family and friends. It's a Sunday afternoon walk of approximately 5 miles and shouldn't be too difficult. Dogs and babies welcome although some parts are too rough (underused) for a pushchair. If you want to try some other method, hopping, skipping, jogging, - - - - pogo-stick please do but most of all - COME and help us raise £1,000.

A sponsor form with details is attached.

Footbridge & Pipe - South Kyme

The main reason for the Society's low fund level is that the bill for raising the footbridge has now been paid. Originally thought to cost in the region of £2,500 to £3,000 the final cost was £4,594. The County Council had waived some of the cash involved in getting the project completed and the council made a further grant of £500 towards the cost of the work. North Kesteven District Council offered to meet up to half

the cost (as well as paying half the cost of moving the pipe) which left the Society with just under £1,800 to find together with the balance of the pipe cost.

Those of you who have been to the village will see an excellent job has been made. At the boat rally in May, 38 boats were moored in the village and some were able to get up to Cobblers Lock, although the bailey bridge outside the village is creating some problems.

Cobblers Lock

Following the report sent to NKDC and LCC we have been granted £2,000 by Lincoln County Council and an additional £4,000 by North Kesteven. North Kesteven District Council are happy to add the balance of the £5,000 earmarked for the winding hole and bridges which adds approximately £2000 to the above. This brings the Cobblers Lock fund to approximately £8,000. Some of this will be required to dig out a full winding hole below Cobblers and raise the bailey bridge, if we can get permission from the farmer.

The Society commissioned a full survey of the pound above Cobblers Lock to establish the required water levels and thus cill level. We are very grateful to Stan Cook who completed the survey for us at a cost hundreds of pounds lower than we would normally have had to pay.

A copy of the report has been passed to Anglian Water, and we have asked them for permission to raise the water level so that it gives one metre over the cill.

Waterways Recovery Group

Waterway Recovery Group are considering a week-long working camp to be held next year. The Society needs to provide accommodation with facilities (village halls are usually used) but the labour is free.

Work camps are held all over the country and individuals pay approximately £18. per week for the privilege of sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags and digging out disused waterways!!

Work Programme

We have also learnt that the Society can have an Employment Training project (this has taken over from the Community Programme). We now need to discuss with them how best to use their labour and link it with the work that can be done by Voluntary labour.

SOCIAL EVENINGS

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DECEMBER 6TH ANWICK RIVER LANE CLUB

The Society intend to hold an open evening in Anwick Riverlane Club on Tuesday 6th December starting at 8.00pm. The format of the evening will be a talk and slide show by the Committee, the meeting will then be open to questions and general discussion.

SLEAFORD JANUARY (DATE & VENUE TBA)

The Society is hoping to hold a 'Pea & Pie Supper', as soon as a venue is fixed you will be informed.