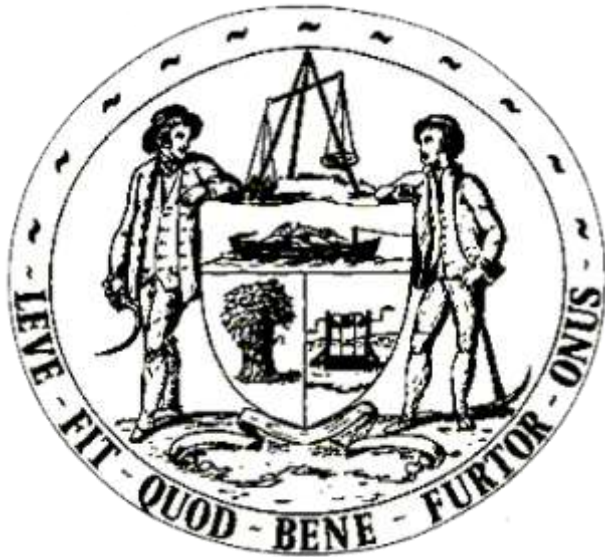


# SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST



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## The Sleaford Navigation Trust: -

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... is registered as a Charity (No. 1060234)

... has a web page: [www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk](http://www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk)

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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 Sleas, 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


This newsletter features the Trust's Annual General Meeting information, exciting news about funding and an update on how we process your information .. yes it's GDPR compliance! Please do get in touch if you need to update any contact details so we're sure we have the latest details that you wish us to know. Our contact details are all on the back page as usual.

Best wishes to all - looking forward to the boating season...

Debbie Scott, Editor

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**SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018**

**at**

**HECKINGTON WINDMILL**

**THE AGM STARTS AT 7.30pm**

**THE MILL WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.00pm  
FOR VISITORS TO LOOK ROUND.**

**AFTER THE AGM THE SPEAKER WILL  
BE**

**JIM BAILEY**

**THE MANAGER OF HECKINGTON  
WINDMILL**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**THE EVENT IS OPEN TO MEMBERS AND  
NON - MEMBERS**

## **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 Heckington Windmill, Heckington, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, 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 2017.
4. To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.
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. David Carnell, Melvyn Sowerby and Patricia Taylor are due to retire by rotation.
7. To transact any other business that may be deemed appropriate by the Chairman.

Following the meeting, there will be talk by Jim Bailey, Manager of Heckington Windmill.



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## **Directors' Annual Report December 2017**

This is the twenty-first annual report of the Directors of the Trust and covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. 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.

Directors of the Trust during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 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

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## **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 the AGM.
- 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 South Kyme Boat gathering, Heckington Show and the Grantham Canal Discovery Day.

Press releases, articles and interviews resulted in valuable publicity both locally and in the national waterways press.

Representatives of the Trust attended CRT Local Forum meetings in Lincoln and Retford and the CRT Annual Partnership Meeting at Loughborough. Representatives also attend Northern Canals Association meetings. The Trust is represented on the Witham Catchment Partnership Steering Committee and has worked in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust. Directors of SNT attend meetings of the Sleaford Regeneration Group and also meetings of the Sleaford Heritage Forum.

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 and in Sleaford. Work at Cogglesford Lock has seen cosmetic brickwork and coping stone replacement. In Sleaford, coir roll was installed as bank protection and habitat enhancement. This project was funded by the EA and Sleaford Town Council but effected by Trust members. Additional funding for seeded plugs to go in the coir roll was secured after application to The Greggs Foundation. These would be purchased and installed in Spring 2018.

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



During the year, directors worked towards the submitting of a second successful modified initial stage bid for LEADER funding. This was for Destination South Kyme, a project to encourage greater use of the waterway up to the village. Included were a multi-user water access point and interpretation boards explaining the heritage of the waterway.

### **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 Trust is registered for VAT. 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



## **Boat Gathering 2018?**

Sadly, not. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to hold the annual May Day boat gathering in South Kyme this year. There are two reasons for this.

One is that Lincolnshire County Council informed us that they will be doing works on the road bridge over the Slea at Chapel Hill and this will involve the use of a pontoon under the bridge which will prevent the passage of boats. We were very grateful that they let us know in advance and told us that they could not be absolutely certain when the works would take place. The likely window was May/June and we felt we could not risk the navigation being closed just before visiting boats arrived for the boat gathering. Perhaps even more concerning was the risk that it might be closed when the boats were in South Kyme and would be prevented from returning to the Witham! It seemed better to cancel early rather than potentially disappoint people who were already on their way here.

The second reason was that we were hopeful that our LEADER bid would be successful and that, if it was, the likely timeframe for construction of the landing stages in South Kyme would be around May. It would be difficult to hold the boat gathering if contractors were working on site at the time.

Apologies to those who were intending to come by boat or to visit over the weekend. We certainly intend to be back in full force next year!

## **The Seven Locks on the Sleaford Navigation**

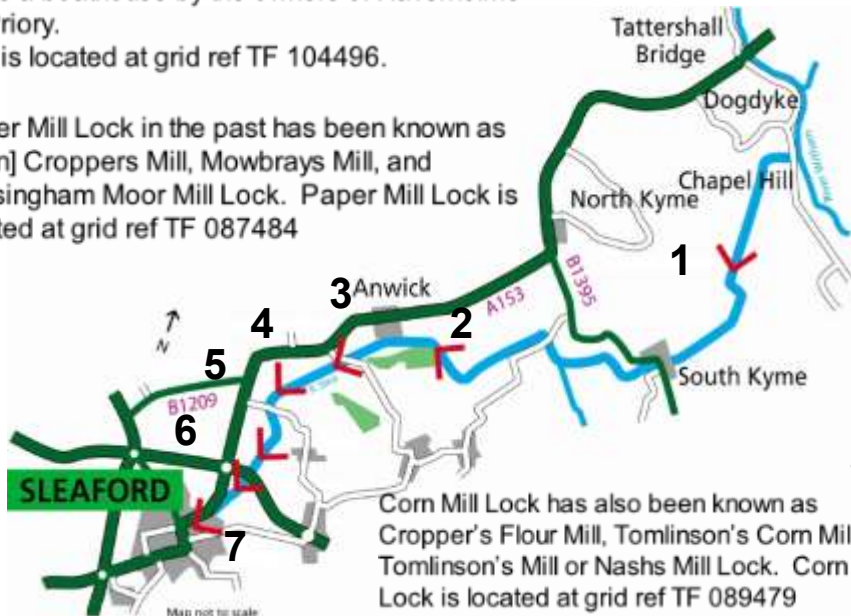
After the last newsletter, one of our regular readers commented that we often mention the locks by name without any reference to where they are. As so many of them are off the beaten track and not easy to access unless you're walking the length of the River or traveling by boat where possible, we agreed it was time for a refresher. Martin Noble, a previous Editor, wrote a comprehensive series some years ago on the subject and these can be accessed on the Trust's website, Archive newsletters section, 2003 onwards.

**1** Bottom or Taylors Lock is the first lock on the Navigation and has also been known as 1<sup>st</sup> Lock, Kyme Lock, Kyme Lower Lock and Bottom Lock. It is located at grid ref TF 196524

**2** Cobblers Lock is the current head of navigation and has also been known as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lock, Anwick Lock and Thackers Lock. Located at grid ref TF 127497, the lock has been restored but gates have not been fitted as yet.

**3** Haverholme Lock has also been known as Haverholme Mill Lock and, after the Navigation closed, was, for a time, roofed over and used as a boathouse by the owners of Haverholme Priory. It is located at grid ref TF 104496.

**4** Paper Mill Lock in the past has been known as [John] Croppers Mill, Mowbrays Mill, and Leasingham Moor Mill Lock. Paper Mill Lock is located at grid ref TF 087484



**5** Corn Mill Lock has also been known as Cropper's Flour Mill, Tomlinson's Corn Mill, Tomlinson's Mill or Nashs Mill Lock. Corn Mill Lock is located at grid ref TF 089479

**6** Bone Mill Lock was originally known as Dyer's Mill Lock but has also been called Bone Mill, Sabine's Mill and Lowe's Mill Lock. Bone Mill Lock is located at Grid ref TF 084472

**7** Cogglesford Lock was originally known as Cogglesford Mill Lock but has also been known as Almond's Mill, Peck's Mill, Sharpe's Mill and Top Lock. Cogglesford Lock is located at grid ref TF 074462

## **Greggs Foundation Grant**

(The following information has been taken from the Greggs Foundation website.)

“The Greggs Foundation is based in Newcastle Upon Tyne and is closely associated with Greggs plc. [Famous for their Cornish pasties, pies and sausage rolls.] The Greggs Foundation is a grant making charity which improves the quality of life in local communities, distributing around £3 million per year to charitable organisations throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

The Foundation brings together all of Greggs’ charitable giving which has an extremely rich and long history. It is managed by an executive team of currently seven members of staff and overseen by a board of trustees. Greggs Foundation executives and trustees work together to achieve the charitable mission of ‘making a difference to people in need in the heart of Greggs’ local communities’.

The Foundation’s mission has always been the same; to share our success with the people living near us, particularly those in need of a helping hand. We prioritise organisations that support voluntary carers, people with disabilities, homeless people and older people. We aim to make a difference through the provision of our five main grant programmes, north east core funding grant, local community projects fund grant, environmental grant, hardship fund grant, and breakfast clubs which all share the common goal of improving the quality of life of people in local communities.”

The Trust applied to the Greggs Foundation for an environmental grant to complete the work in Sleaford to reinforce the bank edge. The coir roll had been installed during Winter but had not been planted with vegetation. This was in part because the backfilling needed to be completed first and was being undertaken by Sleaford Town Council but also because it was felt Spring planting would give a better chance of growth. We explained in our application that the work was being done by volunteers and asked for funding for seeded plugs to put into the spaces in the coir roll.

These plugs ensure that the growth is not only attractive but also suitable to enhance habitat for such as water voles.

We were delighted to receive a cheque from the Greggs Foundation for £1K to continue the work. They also gave us the opportunity to become part of Project Dirt which is a website linking community activities with an environmental focus and giving a wider profile to projects.





Sleford Town Council staff and contractors working on backfilling the coir rolls along the banks at Eastgate Green April 2018



Photos: D Scott

## **General Data Protection Regulations.**

In common with other charities, the Trust has had to come to terms with changes in the law regarding the collection and retention of personal data. Waterway trusts and societies have responded in different ways to the inherent concept that passive consent has no longer any validity. The GDPR asserts an affirmative action requirement from the data subject, the member of the group whose information is being held. Some trusts have responded by saying that they are no longer able to communicate with members unless they give specific permission for them to do so.

The issue was discussed at a recent meeting of Northern Canals Association when we were fortunate enough to have Neil Edwards, Chief Executive of Inland Waterways Association, present. He made available documentation from IWA but also talked through the ramifications of the regulations.

He explained that a member of a trust or society would expect their name, address and contact details to be used for straightforward communication such as a newsletter or reminder of membership renewal. The situation became more complex when they were approached directly for donations or for marketing purposes. Under those circumstances they would need to opt in rather than opt out.

Members also have a right to know what their information is being used for. Why has it been collected, how securely is it held and is it being shared beyond the original recipient. I certainly have had instances in the past when a charity has passed my contact details to another charity who has then approached me for donations. These regulations are meant to prevent such misuse of data.

It is a requirement that SNT has a written policy for the collection, use, storage and retention of data. Put simply this is to say what we collect, how, why and how long do we keep it for. Information needs to be up to date and relevant and it is also important that it is deleted when it is no longer so.

I am including the Trust's written policy for information and to assure members that their data is not used for any other purpose

than distribution of the newsletter and issue of renewal reminders where appropriate. No information is shared with any other organisation beyond the collection of Gift Aid when it is a legal requirement to contact HMRC for larger sums.

Chris Hayes

## **SNT General Data Protection Regulations – Data Policy**

### Collection of Data

The Trust collects and stores personal data in the following ways:

- Information supplied on membership application forms is used to send out newsletters, either electronically or by post as preferred by the recipient, and to inform members, where appropriate, that their membership is due for renewal. This information is not shared with any other body.
- The original application forms are stored securely by the Membership Secretary who also has the information on a database.
- No financial information is retained by the Trust.
- Volunteers who attend Trust work parties, whether members or not, are asked if they are happy to supply information as follows:
  - Contact details so that they can be informed of dates and venues for future work parties.
  - Information regarding any medical conditions of which the Work Party Co-ordinator should be aware for Health and Safety reasons.
  - Contact details for next of kin in the event of any medical emergency or accident.
- This information is held securely in paper form by the Work Party Co-ordinator and brought to each work party. It is not shared in any way.

### Retention of Data by the Trust:

- Membership details will be retained as long as the membership lasts. In the event of non-renewal by a member, then the data will be destroyed one year from the missed



renewal date. It will also be destroyed on the reported death of a member.

- Information relevant to work party volunteers will be held for a period not exceeding a year if work parties are not attended. It will then be destroyed.

#### Individual Rights and Access to Data:

- Members have the right to access the information relevant to them which is held by the Trust on application to the Secretary.
- Members have the right to cancel their membership at any time by application to the Secretary at which point they will cease to receive the newsletter and their data will be destroyed.
- Volunteers and members who attend work parties have the right to withdraw from those activities at which point their data will be destroyed. They may choose to continue to receive information regarding work party dates and locations if they so wish.
- Volunteers and members attending work parties will be asked on arrival to check that the information held by the Work Party Co-ordinator is accurate and up to date.

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018



And after all that legal stuff - a little light-hearted question...

The photo here was taken at an earlier boat gathering, but we do not know which one?

Can you help identify it by the position of the boats or maybe even the family enjoying an alfresco time on the left bank?

# LEADER funding Update

The following is the text of a Press Release dated March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Sleaford Navigation Trust

Sleaford Navigation Trust is delighted to be able to announce that funding has been secured for their project “Destination South Kyme”. An application for EU funding under the Kestevens LEADER fund has been successful and the agreement between the Trust and the funding agency was signed on February 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Kestevens LEADER Fund**

Commerce, Community and Countryside



“Destination South Kyme” will see the creation of two landing stages in the village of South Kyme to encourage temporary mooring by visiting boats. While both will be accessible to narrow boats and smaller cruisers, one will be at a lower height to facilitate canoe access. Awareness that there is safe mooring without having to resort to the use of a gangplank will help make the Sleaford Navigation and South Kyme an attractive diversion and stopping off point for boats travelling along the River Witham and help to make more people aware of the Navigation. An easily accessible path to the landing stages will provide the facility for local residents and visitors alike to enjoy proximity to the water.

The funding also allows for a series of interpretative boards making visitors by land and water aware of the heritage of waterway which brought trade and prosperity to Sleaford in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Information will also help visitors to explore South Kyme but will also point them to other linked locations and venues where they can learn more about the historic importance of the navigation to the local economy. The Trust will be working with North Kesteven District Council to develop the connections with the Sleaford Museum, Navigation House and Cogglesford Mill in Sleaford.

## River Enhancement

North Kesteven and South Kesteven District Councils are in process of putting together a joint bid for EU funding for a series of waterway improvements. They are working with the Environment Agency and the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust to refine plans but at present these include:

- Improvements to in-channel habitat Castle Causeway to Water Gate

The Lincolnshire Rivers Trust looked at in-channel habitat enhancement in this section as an extension to the works they undertook further upstream. Difficulty was encountered with driving stakes into the bed so this was not progressed at the time. Subject to further development, a modified project could be developed here using imported stone to make a more sinuous, attractive channel.

- Re-instatement and improvement of bank softening from lifting footbridge to Cogglesford Mill.

Previous bank softening work could do with maintenance and potential improvements. Wooden posts are in place but geo-textile has failed in places allowing backfill material which plants grow in to erode into the River. Sections where this has occurred need reviewing and repairing with possible use of planted coir pallets as back fill. Make outer edge of the marginal shelf sinuous rather than straight. Vary the height (depth) of the shelf to give different water depths to suit different plant species. Add more organic matter to the backfill - it is just gravel at the moment and probably not the best medium for rooting. Use well-established pre-planted coir pallets and protect from ducks. This has been successful upstream but it may be necessary to develop temporary, caged protection for up to two years to keep wildfowl off while vegetation establishes.

- Improved footpath along 1K of Northern bank of River Sleaf  
As part of the East West Leisure link identified in the Sleaford Masterplan and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, these works will see restoration and improvement to the riverside footpath, utilising permeable surface treatment which is equality act compliant.

Through SNT representation on the Witham Catchment Partnership, we have been aware of and involved in the discussion and preparation for the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust work upstream of Sleaford. The work is aimed to improve fish habitat by providing a more varied water channel at the same time as improving the aesthetic appearance of the area. It would be beneficial if these improvements could be achieved in a modified form further down the river.

The bank works between the lift bridge and Cogglesford Mill would be very similar to those SNT has undertaken on the other side of the lift bridge and would certainly improve the bank edge.

The development of a riverside footpath gives a valuable opportunity for health benefits and alternative commuting methods to local residents.

We wish NKDC well in their application.

Chris Hayes

## **Financing the original Sleaford Navigation Company**

The building and construction of canals and navigations were, like any modern privately financed scheme, undertaken by the promoting companies using money that had been raised from either loans or investors. In the case of the waterways, this money was normally raised by selling shares to investors in the waterway. In the late 1700's, the height of the canal building boom, this normally was not a problem. In fact, people were keen to invest in any waterways scheme however farfetched it appeared to be. One local example of this would be the Alford Canal Company which was empowered to raise £38000 towards the building of the canal. Even before the Company had its Enabling Act approved by Parliament, £30000 (£2,080,526 in today's money ) had been raised in the form of £50 ( £3467 ) shares. The canal was never built!

The Sleaford Navigation Company was no different from any other waterway in the way in which it raised its capital. The Company offered investors shares valued at £100 each, at the time a great deal of money. £100 in 1792 would be worth £14,000 today. The

company asked investors for staged payments of 10% of the share value each month starting in December 1792 and, to remind them of their obligations, placed adverts in the Stamford Mercury.

Obviously, as a commercial enterprise which investors had put their money into, they would expect a return. This would be paid in the form of a dividend on the profits.

Once operating, the main source of income to the Sleaford Navigation Company was from tolls that were collected from the craft that used the Navigation. On many waterways these tolls were a complex affair that not only related to the weight that was carried by the craft but also to the type of cargo. For example, on the Ancholme Navigation in the north of the county, Wheat, Rye, Beans, Peas and Lentils would be charged 0s 1d per quarter to pass through the lock at South Ferriby and  $\frac{1}{4}$ d per quarter per additional mile. There would also be an extra charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d for the passage through Harlem Hill Lock. On the other hand, if you wanted to carry bricks or tiles the charge would be 4d per thousand for the passage through South Ferriby Lock, plus 1d per additional mile with a charge of 2d for the passage through Harlem Hill Lock. I can only guess at the reason for the charge of 2s 0d per ton for transporting manure on the Navigation!

Fortunately, tolls on the Sleaford Navigation were a far simpler matter. According to John Phillips in his 1795 book entitled "A General History of Inland Navigation Foreign and Domestic" the toll structure was quite straightforward. He stated that any "goods, wares, merchandise, etc. carried between Haverholme Mill and Sleaford Causeway (the intended head of navigation), or from above Haverholme Mill to the River Witham" would be charged at 2s 0d per ton. For cargo carried from between Haverholme Mill and Cobblers Lock to the River Witham, 1s 6d per ton. From between Cobblers Lock and Bottom Lock to the River Witham, the charge was 1s 3d per ton and from between Bottom Lock and the River Witham, 1s 0d per ton. Lime, limestone, manure, or materials for roads were given a 50% discount on the tolls.

Any maintenance on the Navigation would be paid for from the toll that had been collected but, according to Phillips, the profits or dividends on the shares were limited to 8%. When the dividends exceeded that amount the Company was able to reserve a sum of

£1000 pounds to fund any contingencies and then the tolls would be reduced accordingly.

The Navigation was an instant success and, after one year of trading paid a dividend of 2½%. However, the initial success was short lived and it wasn't until 1802 that a second dividend of 3% was paid to investors. By 1814, the tolls collected were £396 (today's value £22047) rising to £1381 in 1846 (today's value £112558). Additionally there would have been income from renting out properties such as Navigation Warehouse. It took sixty years, however, for the Navigation to reach its dividend limit of 8% but then only another twelve years for the dividends to fall to zero as the Company's profits fell dramatically. The reason for this decline was the coming of the railway to Sleaford.

Offset against any income would be the running costs for the Navigation such as staff wages and waterway maintenance. Maintenance would include normal day to day work such as hedge trimming along the towpath. There would also be more costly maintenance such as dredging that would need to be carried out to assist the passage of boats. If there was a lack of cargo and the boats were not coming to Sleaford, then there would be no income from tolls and, hence, no money for maintenance. The situation led to an inevitable downward spiral, less money, less maintenance and therefore it became harder for boats to make the passage to and from Sleaford. This became a matter of great concern to the Navigation Company and they eventually applied for an Act of Parliament to wind up the Company and end their liabilities for the maintenance and running of the Navigation. The Act came into law in 1878 but took another three years before the Company was completely wound up, on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1881.

Interestingly this was not an Act of Abandonment for the waterway so the Right of Navigation was not extinguished and still exists today.

Steve Hayes



**Membership** : If you are thinking of joining please do get in touch or pick up a membership application form from events or at 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.

**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 for the summer season 12-4 weekdays and 11-4.30 Saturdays and Sundays.

A growing stock of postcards, gifts and books is available to buy as well as Navigation Trust items and delicious Dennett's Ice Cream. Pop in and choose from our new selection of Christmas Gift ideas.

There is also an exhibition upstairs by Sleaford Museum Trust and a re-creation of Sir Joseph Banks' desk (or could it be Captain Cook's desk?) by Harriott Brand.

**Towpath Talk** is also available at the Hume Arms, South Kyme see [www.south-kyme.co.uk/the\\_hume.html](http://www.south-kyme.co.uk/the_hume.html)

**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.

