



Welcome to the River Weaver Navigation Society Christmas Newsletter.

New Website

I'm delighted to say that we have launched our new website, at www.rwns.co.uk

There is a section on each of our five main areas of interest - Recreation, Economic Flourishing, Heritage, Flood Mitigation and Wildlife.

There is also a section with useful information on visiting the Weaver, by boat, bike or paddle craft.

There are some beautiful aerial and other images, so do take a look.

Do take a look and please spread the word by posting the link in your social media.

There is more that will be added over the coming months.

If you have any comments, corrections or new material please contact Jerry Marshall at comms@rwns.co.uk

Northwich Navigation Yard and Heritage Port



CRT have put up this historic site for sale.

We have launched a campaign to preserve the main structures, grade 2 listed (HQ Building, Clock Tower and Scotch Crane) .

We do not wish it to become just another site for new housing.

At our AGM we presented the case and detailed the history of Northwich as a Heritage Port which is an IWA national programme.

The Anderton Boat Lift



The Anderton Boat Lift was back in operation with one caisson after major repairs.

However the costs of longer-term repairs remain an issue with potential for prolonged closures linked to the CRT funding crisis.

Bernice Tackley (shown above) created a large mural some 14 years ago and this Summer was engaged to do some detailed touch up work.

CRT have ambitious plans to upgrade the site as a tourist hub and have launched a funding campaign.

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Winsford Inlet Moorings

We have met with councillors to express our concerns over the gradual dereliction of this beautiful site.

We listed key items for improvement - small scale dredging and rocks removal, slip protection on the decking boards and proper access for boaters to the facilities hut.

Vale Royal Locks



Vale Royal Locks passage was closed in June due to difficulties in moving the access bridge across the lock.

We have complained to CRT asking why this minor repair meant closure all season for the top half of the river.

The bridge should have been left open or temporary winches used to move it.

Daniel Adamson

The Daniel Adamson had a difficult season being mainly stuck at Sutton Weaver due to problems with opening and closing the Sutton Weaver and Acton Bridge swing bridges thus losing substantial booking income.

Their continued presence on the Weaver is at risk.

October Storm Babet



On October 21st 2023, heavy rainfall triggered the emergency plan with barriers put up, and over pumps to river operated.- see above image of emergency pumps removing water from Weaver Court.

Despite high river levels there was little flood damage.

Full operation of Dutton Sluices and the Hydro Power Generator may have helped move water downstream.

Wallerscote Lime Beds

TATA have launched a project to build a major Solar farm on the site but this requires massive amounts of landfill material.

We believe that this should be done with river dredgings, and other material brought in by water barges to avoid heavy road traffic loads, especially across the single lane Winnington bridge.

And finally ...

Can I wish you and your family a Joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jim Mole

Chairman

River Weaver Navigation Society