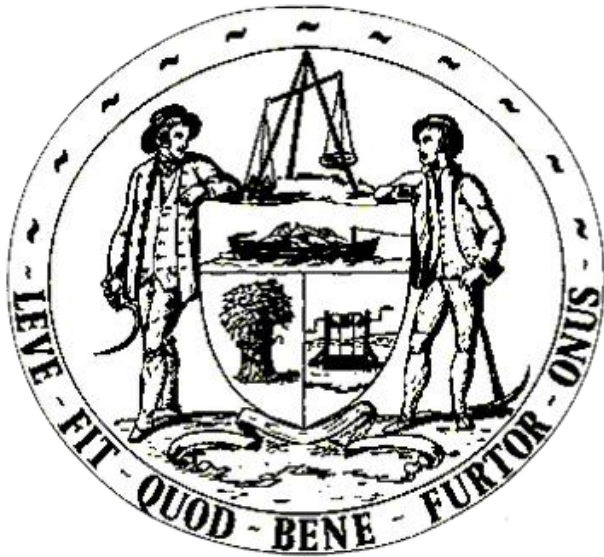


# SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST



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**Spring 2011**

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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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## Articles

Please send all articles to: [sleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com](mailto:sleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com) or

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# Editorial

Welcome to another newsletter. This one is primarily focused around the forthcoming AGM, although we do also have the usual work party reports and other news.

We also have an article about the forthcoming South Kyme boat gathering on May Day Bank Holiday weekend, which is a very popular event incorporating the village scarecrow competition. There will be other attractions in the village to attract visitors. For information see Chris Hayes's article on page 11.

As ever, this newsletter relies on people submitting articles for publication to the address on the left, so if you have an article you would like to share, then send it in, and hopefully it will make it into the next newsletter.

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.

*David Osborne*



A previous boat gathering at South Kyme, with Rebecca and David Pullen and Scarecrow James Bond on the boat in the background

*Photo supplied by Norman Osborne*

# Chairman's Report

## Chris Hayes

With Spring here at last we can all look forward to our own form of enjoyment of the inland waterways as a whole and the Sleaford Navigation in particular. I have described elsewhere in the newsletter the events organised by the villagers and Parish Council at South Kyme this year and it's wonderful to see such a range of activities for locals and visitors over the May Day weekend. Boats and boaters are a part of that celebration but are just one piece of the jigsaw.

Later in the year, Trust members will be manning a stand at the IWA National Festival in Burton on Trent. I'd just like to assure regular visitors to the stand that we will be handing out the customary Lincolnshire Plum Bread and giving information not only on the Slea but on Lincolnshire Waterways. It is worth noting though that the date of the festival has changed and this year will be from Friday July 29th to Sunday July 31st. If you are going to the Festival please call in and say hello.

Thanks again, as ever, are due to all those directors and members who give so generously of their time in so many ways for the benefit of the Trust. I have nothing but praise and gratitude for those hardy souls who turn out for work parties regardless of the weather. Much is said at the moment of the Big Society but my own view is that the waterways societies and trusts in general have embodied exactly those qualities of cooperation and concern for the community and environment for many years as a matter of course. Volunteers have been the impetus for waterway restoration in the past and continue to be an essential part in the present.

The newsletter includes details of the AGM in Sleaford on May 11th. All members are welcome and feel free to bring your friends!

# 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 11th May, 2011, 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 2010.
- To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2010.
- To re-appoint Page Kirk of Nottingham as the Company's Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- Election of Directors. Debbie Scott and Penny Carnell 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 Nic Rawlinson of the Environment Agency about the latest developments on the Boston Barrage and the Fenland Link.

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### New Members

Welcome to our new members, Marcus Wilkinson, Lesley Heritage & Andrew Lewin.

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## **Directors' Annual Report December 2010**

This is the fourteenth annual report of the Directors of the Trust and covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 were:

Christine Hayes (Chairman)	David Carnell
Stephen Hayes (Secretary)	John Line
Penny Carnell (Treasurer)	Debbie Scott
David Pullen (Engineer)	Pat Taylor
Susan Sowerby	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

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Auditors : Page Kirk, Sherwood House, 7 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.  
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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 co-ordinating 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 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, Heckington Show and a Tastes of Lincolnshire Christmas Food Fair. A number of press releases and interviews resulted in valuable publicity in local and waterways press and on local radio. In addition visual promotional presentations were given by Trust members to a variety of audiences.

Trust work parties have continued at a number of locations.

The traditional informal boat-gathering at South Kyme took place in May and has continued to build on the good relationship that has been established between the Trust and the village during previous events.

The major project in Sleaford to establish a new Head of Navigation was finished during the year with the completion of the slipway on Riverside Green. The construction of the slipway was project managed by the Trust and completed well within the budget that had been allocated for the work. The slipway and the lifting bridge were officially opened on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. The celebrations were very successful with two trailboats attending, the first substantial sized boats to be on the water in Sleaford for many years. Schandelle, a trailable boat owned by a member of the Trust, was used to carry the official party after the opening ceremony.

The Trust continues to work with LWP to establish a 'Water Access' point in South Kyme and a Winding Hole just upstream of the village.

## **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

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## Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting held at the Sleaford Sports Partnership, Sleaford, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

### **Apologies:**

Mrs D Scott, Mrs S Line, Mrs B Jones, Mrs M Isfont-Waugh, Mr DJ Hayes, Miss RJ Hayes, Mrs Y Pullen, Mr & Mrs K Foster.

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

The minutes were proposed as a true record, proposed by Mr P Jowwett, seconded by Mr M Sowerby.

### **Directors Report:**

It was recorded that the report had been circulated. Mrs Hayes summarised the report, noted as being the thirteenth annual report, and outlined current progress.

The report was proposed by Mr P Jowwett, seconded by Mrs P Taylor.

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 Mr P Jowwett, seconded by Mr D Pullen.

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The auditors, Page Kirk of Nottingham, proposed by Mr D Carnell, seconded by Mrs S Sowerby, were re-elected unanimously.

### **Election of Directors:**

The following Directors stood for re-election, Mr S Sowerby and Mr D Carnell. Mrs P Taylor. Proposed by Mr S Hayes, seconded by Mr N Osborne. They were elected unanimously

### **Any Other Business:**

None.

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## **The Way We Were**

### **Dave Carnell**

To commemorate severe flooding in Boston some 200 years ago, Boston Borough Council, the Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency held a public display which created a great deal of interest. Among the many people attending was a retired waterways engineer, Wally Franklin, who brought along a booklet showing steam dredgers working in and around Boston. The company, Mournement and Ray, from Norfolk, operated in the 1920s and one photograph of particular local interest shows a dredger named “Kyme”.

MORNEMENT & RAY, LTD., *Engineers & Contractors*, EAST HARLING, NORFOLK



GRAB DREDGER "Kyme" DREDGING THE KYME EAU, LINCOLNSHIRE

This is seen working in the entrance to the Sleaford Navigation, the Kyme Eau, and reminds us of the number of workers required at that time for such operations in comparison with today's more easily operated hydraulic machines. The fleet was sold off in 1924.



GRAB DREDGER "Kyme" DREDGING THE KYME EAU, LINCOLNSHIRE

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## A Right Royal Boat Gathering in South Kyme

### Chris Hayes

Sleaford Navigation Trust will again be joining with the villagers of South Kyme to celebrate the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. This year however, things will be on a rather grander scale than before. In addition to Saturday's duck race, the annual scarecrow competition and the tabletop sale in the village hall, the village will be hosting a series of events on Sunday which will be centred around Kyme Tower.

Not only will this provide a rare opportunity for the public to visit the tower itself, it will also afford a glimpse of life in the past. South Kyme will be visited by The Knights of Skirbeck, a medieval re-enactment society, who will be giving demonstrations of hand to hand combat, armoury, medicine and living in the Middle Ages. I met one of the "Knights" recently and what they are proposing sounds both fascinating and good fun.

Lots of other events are promised with a Flower Festival and exhibition in the church together with daytime barbecue and evening hog roast near the tower.

Visitors will be coming by boat too and we hope to welcome 20 plus boats from around the country to the gathering. Several will be taking the opportunity to

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visit the Black Sluice Navigation and the Witham Navigable Drains during their cruise in this area and it's good to see that Lincolnshire waterways are getting recognition in this way.

What is good too is that the event has grown out of the warm welcome the village of South Kyme has always given to the Sleaford Navigation Trust Boat Gathering. The boats in their turn have attracted visitors to the village and the events such as the scarecrow competition and duck race have built on that interest. This celebration is living proof that waterway restoration is about much more than allowing a few boat owners access to a stretch of water. It can create the opportunity for real community involvement and bring the benefits of increasing visitor numbers to an area.

It should be a great weekend and well worth a visit. All this and a Royal Wedding too!

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## Forthcoming waterway events

### **Boat Gathering at South Kyme**

As detailed elsewhere in the newsletter, there will be a Boat Gathering over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend of April 29th to May 2nd 2011. on the Sleaford Navigation. Those wishing to attend by boat should contact Steve Hayes at [Sleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com](mailto:Sleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com) or Tel. 01522 689460

### **Black Sluice Navigation Cruise.**

Over the weekend of May 13th, 14th and 15th, the Environment Agency are offering a concessionary rate of £5 per boat for organised groups of craft to enter the Black Sluice Navigation.

The tides on these dates allow for groups of boats to pass through Grand Sluice Lock in Boston and along the tidal Haven to Black Sluice Lock. Refreshments will be available at the Lock Keepers cottages/ information centre prior to passage to Hubberts Bridge and Swineshead Bridge where moorings are available.

Pre-booking with name of craft, dimensions, registered number and number of crew is required. Details and further Information are available from Dave Carnell, Conifer Cottage, Northend, Goxhill, North Lincs. DN19 7JX. Tel. 01469 530138 Mobile 07974510320.

### **Witham Navigable Drains Cruise.**

Over the May Bank Holiday weekend of May 28th, 29th and 30th, local and visiting boaters may wish to join a group of boats to explore these unique waterways in the Boston area. The Witham 4th District Internal Drainage Board allows craft into the system from May 1st to 30th September each year, subject to weather conditions. A new map giving navigation details and outlining facilities available including access to quiet moorings in the centre of Boston, together with a tourist street map, is available by contacting Dave Carnell as above.

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## **Work Party Progress**

### **Mel Sowerby**

The first two work parties of the New Year included tree pruning on the Slea. Work on tree growth always has to be done before the end of March so as not to interfere with nesting birds.

At Bottom Lock the trees overhanging the channel to the lock were removed. Branches were cut by hand near the top first, then the tirfor was used to drag them to dry land. There they were cut up into smaller sections, thanks to new visitor David Belton and his chainsaw, ready for removal later in the year.

There was then some interesting scientific experimentation as it seemed two men in a boat were testing how much wood could fit in to a small dinghy with an outboard. Is this the first load to be transported on the lower Slea since it was re-opened? Shrubs were removed from the wing wall of the lock and the brickwork tidied thanks to Dave Pullen.

Upstream of Halfpenny Hatch some obstructions which had caused problems for boats were removed before the work party moved on to near Cobblers Lock. Here the problem was an overhanging willow which was partially blocking the channel. Andy James had brought his inflatable boat and this was

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invaluable for getting the equipment and people to the opposite bank of the river. Quite a few of the branches had started to put out roots in the water which made the tree growth difficult to remove. This obviously called for ingenuity and perseverance. After a lot of pulling on ropes from the opposite bank we began to make headway. We were ably assisted by Andy in his boat returning the rope for the next onslaught and finally the channel was widened for two boats to pass. The rest of this tree can be taken out next year but care is needed working there in waders, you get stuck in the considerable depth of silt that has accumulated.

Thanks to all who have helped and hope you can continue to help out in the future. New members are always welcome. It's always good to see new faces.

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## Our Heritage?

### Chris Hayes

In the main, with one or two exceptions that tend to stick in the mind, I have always found the boating fraternity to be a friendly lot who greet you cheerfully when passing. By the time you have worked up a flight of locks with the crew from another boat you have usually exchanged anecdotes and information, parting eventually with a friendship that rekindles when you meet the boat again in the future.

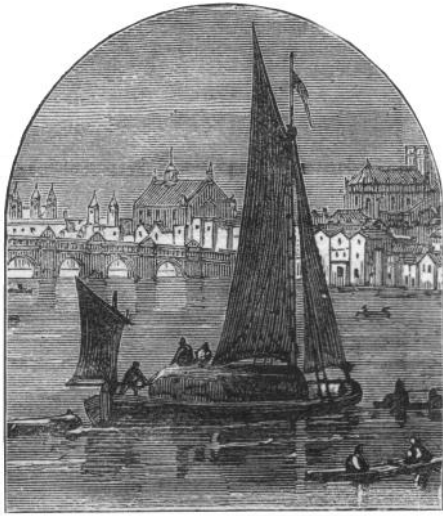
This has not always been the perception of "boat people". In the second half of the 19th century they attracted the attention of Victorian reformers and one, George Smith of Coalville, campaigned hard for legislation to regulate what he saw as the immoral and insanitary living conditions on the narrowboats.

I find second hand book stalls hard to resist and some time ago bought a volume of *The Quiver*, An Illustrated Magazine for Sunday and General Reading, published in 1881. It has a series of edifying and moral tales wherein temptation and liquor lead to damnation with fascinating titles, "In Vanity and Vexation", "Freda's Choice" and "What Common Politeness Did", just the kind of thing to read on a Sunday. The value of missionary work is continually extolled and you can read of the conversion of people in Africa, India and Australia as well as work to help those nearer to home.

I was intrigued to find the following account of the attempts to rescue that

disreputable section of the population living on boats. I must confess though that my sympathies lie rather with the boaters than the author and I think his judgement of them pretty harsh. I think I'd take exception to the idea that I took no steps to control my children and I'm not too sure that after a long and hard week's work I should fancy being "reclaimed" or "compelled". I might well have responded with "wicked badinage" myself.

## A Barge Mission



*Those who live in the Midlands, and in districts through which canal navigation is extended, will fully appreciate the value of the Barge Mission. Mr. G. Smith, in one of his books, has shown us the degradation to which the in-habitants of bar-ges have fallen, and a few notes concerning the noble efforts made to reclaim the erring population of these floating dwellings will have a great interest for all true Christian workers.*

*The difficulties attendant upon such labour are manifold. The people are rough, careless, and often antagonistic.*

*Even at the best of times parents will take no steps towards compelling obedience from their children.*

*Let us glance at the situation. Sunday's work begins, let us say, at half-past nine A.M., at the Sunday-school, which we must premise is held upon a barge. The bell is rung, a flag is hoisted, and the gate of the basin is opened, and a watchman appointed to see that no damage is done. Meantime the chaplain has been visiting the various barges, and from the highways and hedges of water communication, has been compelling the people to come. The reception he meets with would discourage any one but a thoroughly earnest worker.*

*The ex-cuses are manifold, and nowhere does the parable of the King's Supper come more forcibly to mind than here. One says the children have not been washed. Another pleads that she cannot send them without shoes, as "I never likes to let chil-dren of mine go to school without them!" "I'll send them in the afternoon"—and so soon. But, notwithstanding, the chaplain collects a fair*

*congregation in his floating church or school-house. Then again in the afternoon and evening the beating-up for children and adults has to be gone through, and much wicked and senseless badinage is indulged in by the bargemen, or the idlers in the basin.*

*The task undertaken so cheer-fully is no sinecure, and by no means a pleasant one, but by the assistance of friends, the mission will prosper, and Lloyd's Banking Company at Lichfield will take care of any subscriptions. An excellent work is being done by a most excellent man, and those who can appreciate the difficulties of the position will doubt-less do what they can to remove them.*

*Come to think of it, I think he was lucky not to get thrown in the Cut or threatened with a windlass!*

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## A National Waterways Charity

### Steve Hayes

Below is a press release from the IWA regarding the move of British Waterways from a government body into a charity. Initially this will only involve British Waterways navigations but, from 2015, the Environment Agency waterways will be brought into the charity. I feel that it is essential that the Trust keeps abreast of developments and make sure that we are in a position to be able to work with the new charity as soon as possible.

If any members want to look at the new proposals then they can view them on Defra's website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/waterways-1103/>

where the following documents can be found

- Consultation letter
- Consultation document
- Impact assessment

They are well worth a look and may give an indication of future directions for the Trust.

**IWA WELCOMES DEFRA PROPOSALS ON BRITISH WATERWAYS CHANGE INTO A CHARITY**

*IWA Press Release, Issue Date: 31 March 2010*



The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) welcomes Defra's long awaited consultation document - A New Era for the Waterways - on how it proposes to transform British Waterways into a third sector body.

Clive Henderson, IWA national chairman, said:

'I am in no doubt that the right way forward for Britain's navigable inland waterways is for them to be managed by a third sector body and I am pleased that the detailed proposals on how government intends to change British Waterways into a new civil society body are now available.

We will take our time to consider the detail of how this transformation is to be achieved with great care and will aim to share our preliminary thoughts as quickly as possible. We have said all along that the funding package needs to be viable, the governance needs to be right, and that the new body should also inherit the Environment Agency navigations. So we are especially pleased that the Government has now signalled that it shares our views. I specifically welcome the commitment in principle to inclusion of the Environment Agency navigations in 2015; the stated aim that this move to civil society must create a sustainable model for the future of the inland waterways; and the emphasis on governance arrangements that involve local stakeholders in decision making for their waterways'.

Finally, he said: 'It is now a matter of considering how these aims can best be translated into a successful civil society body which can flourish in the future. key aspects of the consultation that we will be looking at are how:

the indicative funding stacks up in delivering a sustainable charity.

the governance proposals can best achieve community engagement consistent with localism and so that local 'ownership' of waterways can lead to tangible benefits for the waterways.

the Government is planning to ensure that the Environment Agency navigations can transfer smoothly in 2015/16.'

We will also want to explore in further detail how the status of the commercial, cruising and remainder waterways will be dealt with to meet the charitable purposes of the body in a manner that sustains and enhances existing usage'.

## Photos From the Past

The following two photos are from some scanned slides:



Bottom Lock before the gates



The gas pipeline being put under the Sleas above  
Haverholme Lock

## Committee

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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.

April 30th–May 2nd	South Kyme Boat Gathering
May 11th	Sleaford Navigation Trust AGM
May 13th-May 15th	Black Sluice Cruise
May 28th–May 30th	Witham Navigable Drains Cruise
July 29th–July31st	National Waterways Festival (Burton upon Trent)

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

