

Report to Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee  
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Basingstoke Canal Asset Management Plan

**Executive Summary**

This report details progress on preparing the Asset Management Plan since the last meeting of the JMC on 17 June 2011.

**Progress to date**

The current document is the fourth edition Asset Management Plan (AMP) for the Basingstoke Canal.

The third edition has been completely revised and updated to include:

- Condition data for the cutting principal asset
- Partial condition data for the culvert principal asset
- A risk register for the Canal
- An outline capital programme

Development and implementation of the Plan will be an ongoing improvement process. Gaps still exist in the information necessary to produce a final version of this Plan and, therefore, some sections are still incomplete. Until all the remaining gaps in inventory and condition data are filled it is difficult to make holistic judgements for the long-term management and maintenance of the Canal; but an outline capital programme has been included for the first time, which gives an indication of the resources necessary to ensure sustainability.

Dyer and Butler commenced works to repair a leaking bank to the rear of Mabel Street, Woking on Tuesday 4 October. These works are expected to take up to 10 days, following which the contractor will move on to Locks 19 and 20. A schedule of essential structural repairs has been prepared to enable the Deepcut flight to be re-opened to navigation and it is intended that the contractor will be working through this programme over the winter. There is a considerable amount of work to be completed if the canal is to be re-opened to traffic in time for the next boating season. The contractor will be concentrating on the heavy engineering works and the BCA rangers will concentrate initially on refurbishing and replacing the paddle gear, but there will also be necessary for volunteers to assist. A separate schedule has been prepared for lock gate replacements, which will be carried out by the contractor, with advice and assistance from the rangers.

**Next steps**

Condition data in the AMP will need to be revised extensively to reflect the outcome of the capital works programme now underway. Further work is required to assess the condition of the culverts in Hampshire and the term contractor will be instructed to undertake this over the next few months.