

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM : CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF BASINGSTOKE CANAL JMC

After the initial period all will be co-opted for a period of 4 years and are eligible for re-

Full Name of Organisation	Basingstoke Canal Boating Club	
Name of individual	Mrs Jan Byrnes (Secretary)	
Expression of Interest (Max 500 words)	<p>The Basingstoke Canal Boating Club(BCBC) has been in existence for some 27 years and has been the only association specifically representing boating users of the canal over this period. One of the main aims of the club has been to promote and support boating in its broadest sense from unpowered dinghies to traditional powered narrow-boating as well as providing a forum and community group for those enjoying boating on the canal.</p> <p>The club has good links with other associations including the Inland Waterways Association, The Basingstoke Canal Society, The Association of Waterway Cruising Clubs, The Historic Narrowboat Association and the Steam Boat Society. These links enable a two way flow of information and enable us to promote the canal to other user groups.</p> <p>The club offers a variety of events for its members and holds boating events on the canal including the 'Fox and Hounds Rally' at Fleet. Many of the club's members live on the canal and have boats based there. The club also publishes a regular newsletter which is made available to all boaters on the canal.</p> <p>Within the club there is a very significant knowledge, built up over many years, of the many aspects of boating on the canal and on the wider inland waterways network.</p> <p>The club has provided a significant input to the running of the canal over the years and has provided a strong input into decisions that have been made regarding navigation. A good example of this is the planning of locking arrangements to provide the best possible access to the canal at the minimum cost to the BCA.</p> <p>The committee of the Club believe that though having a representative on the JMC we will continue to support the excellent job currently being done by the canal management and that we will bring to the table a level of expertise based on actual use of the canal. Through our range of contacts and our experiences on other local navigations we believe that our representative will be able to make an informed and positive contribution the JMC meetings.</p>	
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