

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	Scotland Bridge Canal Residents Association (SBCRA)	
Name of individual	Julia Jacs	
Expression of Interest (Max 500 words)	<p>BASINGSTOKE CANAL JMC, EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN CO-OPTED PLACE, JUNE 2017.</p> <p>Having been a Basingstoke Canal houseboat resident for almost 30 years, I remain keen to keep the lines of communication between the houseboaters and the Canal owners and Managers open and working, and to this end have attended JMC and Boaters' meetings for a number of years, initially as interested public and later as a residential boaters' representative.</p> <p>There are 20 permanently moored, static houseboats at Scotland Bridge, New Haw, all are independently owned by residents who rent garden mooring plots on long leases (25 years) from Surrey County Council. The houseboat community has now been established here for almost 60 years, but generally has little means of being involved or interacting with the general Canal management, apart from taking part in the JMC meetings.</p> <p>Although the houseboat mooring fees/rents are not paid directly to the Canal Authority, but go into the Surrey County Council (Estates Department) general 'pot' these rents total over £80,000.00 pa, making the houseboats both financially self-supporting and profitable for the Council, and potentially a large contributor towards the funding of the Canal and other Estates outgoings. I think it important that we have a voice or a presence on the JMC, and the opportunity to keep in touch with the management of the canal and contribute to the meetings.</p> <p>Having the mandate from my local Scotland Bridge Canal Residents Association (SBCRA) to represent them at meetings with outside organisations, I intend to continue to keep in contact with the Canal Authority (BCA) and the Canal Society (BCS) of which I am a member. I also have a role as a volunteer BCS lengthsman for my local length of canal which is from Woodham lock 1 to lock 6 at Sheerwater. I continue to report useful and important information to houseboat residents regardless of SBCRA membership, and am willing to bring any appropriate concerns of any residents to the meetings.</p> <p>Julia Jacs Houseboat Dragonfly Scotland Bridge Lock</p> <p>juliajacs@btinternet.com</p> <p>12 June 2017</p>	
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