

## **The Hart District Association of Parish & Town Councils**

The Hart District Association of Parish & Town Councils (HDAPTC) comprises representatives from all twenty one Parish and Town Councils within the District of Hart. The member Parishes are also members of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) and our Chairman is a Vice Chairman of HALC.

One third of our member Councils have the Basingstoke Canal passing through their area and have thus been described as “Riparian Parishes”.

The District of Hart comprises in excess of 36,000 dwellings approximately half of which are situated within the Riparian Parishes.

For many years most of the Riparian Parishes have, with the encouragement of the Association, made regular annual contributions (loosely based on dwelling numbers) towards the Basingstoke Canal.

HDAPTC has for many years been represented on the BCA JMC and our current Chairman, Alastair Clark, has attended meetings and at other times liaised and worked with the County Council and Canal staff to attend conferences and working groups to assist with the promotion of the canal and disseminate information to Parish Councillors and our residents.

As an Association we have also supported the Canal Society, and thus the BCA, in providing and occasionally manning the John Pinkerton so as to provide educational trips for County, District and Borough Councillors so that they are made more aware of the benefits of the canal and the need for more support from their authorities.

The Association wishes to continue with this work and sincerely hopes that you will support us to continue taking an active part in promoting and managing the Canal.

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