



Canal &
River Trust

Keeping people, nature & history connected

Wendover Arm Phase 2 HLF restoration bid

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Tonight

- The 5 Qs
- Where ?
- What ?
- Why ?
- When ?
- How much ?

- Questions at the end

What ?

- Re-water 1¼ miles of canal
- Enhance 6¾ miles of towpath for walkers, cyclists and anglers ...
- Improve the linear waterway habitat in an AONB
- Recruit a team of 100 volunteers
- Tell the canal's built & natural heritage stories
- Enable 3 miles of full navigation
 - Grand Union Canal to the London Road (old A41)

Why ?

- Walkers, anglers, birdwatchers ...
- Improve linear habitat
- Tell the built and natural heritage stories
- Community involvement
- Sporting opportunities
- Not just for boaters !

Sporting opportunities

Possible large scale events ?

- Canoe and Paddle Board Marathons
- Obstacle course on land beside the canal (Green Park ?) using stretches of towpath
- towpath Half Marathon
 - *Two Arms on Two Legs*

Sporting Opportunities

Inclusive Angling (able bodied and disabled anglers) activities at various points along the canal



Family fun runs along the towpath and activity days on meadow land adjacent to the canal



Canoeing and Paddle Boarding along the canal or open water training at the Weston Turville Reservoir



When ?

- 16 Nov 2015 – submit HLF Stage 1 bid.
- March 2016 - HLF Stage 1 decision.
- April to Oct 2016 - develop Stage 2 design.
- Nov 2016 – submit HLF Stage 2
- March 2017 - HLF Stage 2 decision.
- Spring 2017 - project commences.
- Winter 2017 – physical works completed ?
- Spring 2020 – education / interpretation work completed?

How much ?

- Development Costs
 - £70,000
- Restoration
 - £1.2m
- Access Improvements
 - £100,000
- Interpretation & Community Activity
 - £100,000
- Environmental & Habitat improvements
 - £100,000
- **Total Project Cost: c.£1.6m**

Questions ?

Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Recent history
- Presentation of the current scheme
- Questions from the floor.
- Volunteers for Steering Group.
- Any other business
- Depart