

Standing Order and Gift Aid

CAPITALS PLEASE

If you would like to pay annually by standing order, please complete this section and return it to the Membership Secretary, not your bank.

STANDING ORDER

To: The Manager, _____ Bank

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Sort Code: ____ - ____ - ____ Account No. _____

Account Name: _____

Please pay to the account of:

The Melton and Oakham Waterways Society,
HSBC, 17 High Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0TY

sort code 40-32-14, account number 41280783,

the sum of £ _____ commencing on the ____ day of

_____ 20 ____ and then on the 1st day of

February each subsequent year, until this order is cancelled in writing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION *giftaid it*

I would like to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donations that I make in the future from the date of this declaration, or any I have made in the past 4 years. I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax/Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year at least equal to the tax reclaimed by the Society in that period. I confirm that I am a taxpayer, resident in the UK for tax purposes, and that I shall advise the Society if that situation changes.

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

How you can get involved

Volunteers are one of our most valuable resources.

Donating your time is a great way to support us and have fun at the same time.

There are lots of different ways to get involved...

WORK PARTIES

We are a friendly group and a warm welcome is guaranteed! Our work parties undertake a wide range of maintenance tasks on the waterways.

PUBLICITY AND EVENTS

We attend local shows, give talks and generally work hard to promote the waterways and our activities.

EDUCATION

We want to work more closely with local schools and are particularly looking for current or former educational professionals to develop and run our education programme.

ADMINISTRATION

We have a wide range of administrative tasks within the Society which would suit volunteers from many backgrounds.

We look forward to welcoming you!



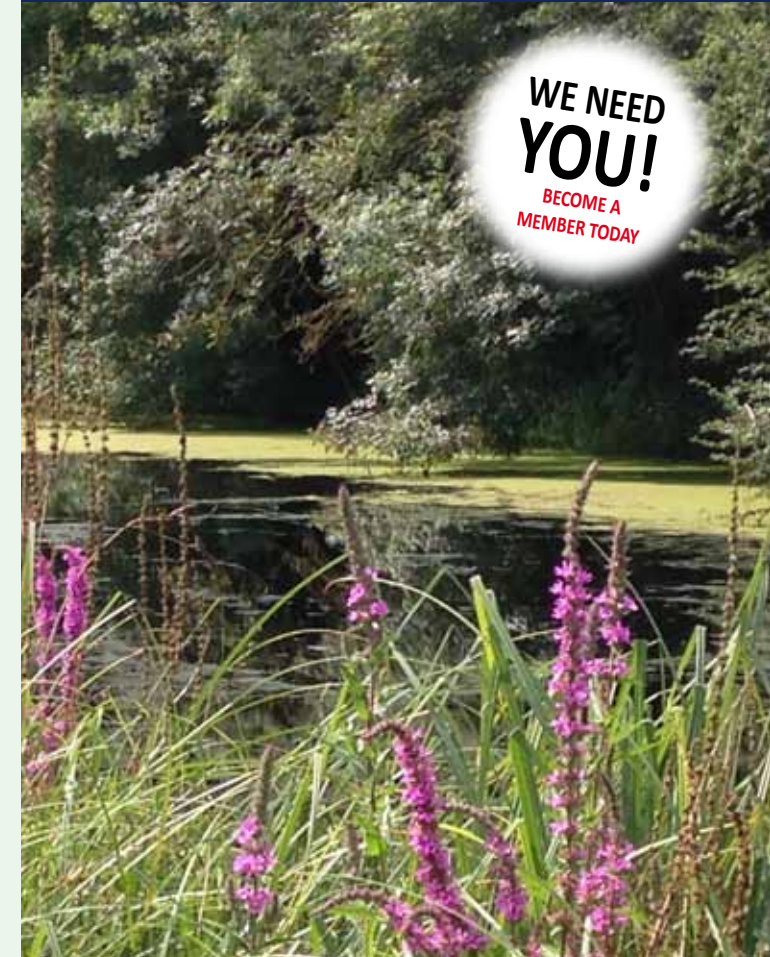
Our objective is the regeneration of leisure opportunities throughout the Eye / Wreake Valley corridor based around a restored Melton Mowbray Navigation and long-term to realise those possibilities for the Oakham Canal

The Melton and Oakham Waterways Society



Registered charity number 1078752

WE NEED YOU!
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



Preserving the waterways for

Navigation • Local amenity
Heritage • Wildlife

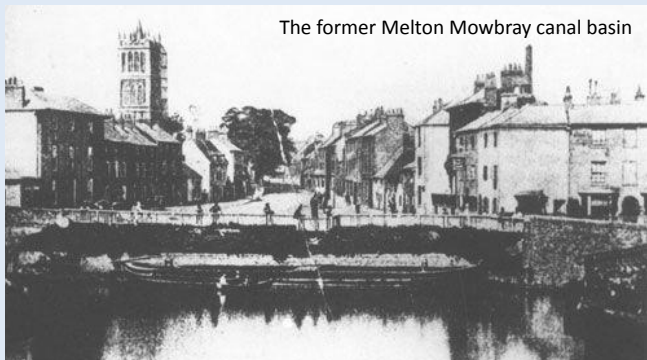
www.meltonwaterways.co.uk

About us and the waterways

The Melton Mowbray Navigation, which opened in 1797, connected Melton Mowbray to the Grand Union Canal at Syston. 12 locks were created along the 14½ miles of the River Wreake to make the river navigable, and a new canal cut and canal basin were constructed in Melton Mowbray. The Oakham Canal, which opened in 1802, linked Melton Mowbray to Oakham and was an entirely new 15½ mile waterway, with a further 19 locks.

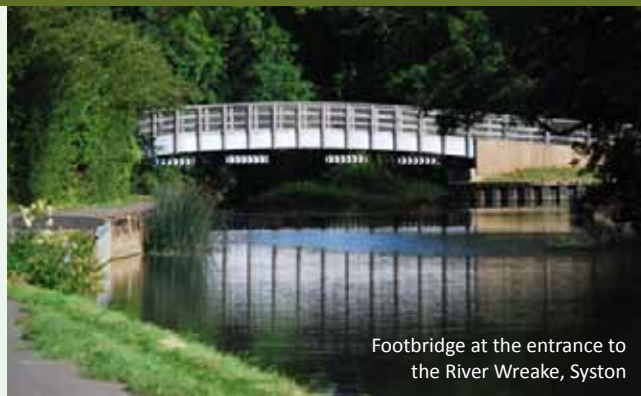
The Syston and Peterborough Railway, which fully opened in 1848, sealed the fate of both navigable waterways. The Oakham Canal was sold to the Midland Railway Company and was officially abandoned in 1846. To the east of Melton Mowbray, and as far as Stapleford Park, little evidence remains of the original canal. The best preserved sections are at Whissendine and between Ashwell and Oakham. The Melton Mowbray Navigation struggled on, but was finally abandoned in 1877. Weirs were installed along the river and the locks abandoned, although many of the original lock chambers and bridges can still be seen today.

Restoration of the Melton Mowbray Navigation and the Oakham Canal was first proposed in 1997, leading to the formation of The Melton and Oakham Waterways Society. Today we maintain a section of navigable waterway at Melton Mowbray. The replacement of the footbridge at the entrance to the River Wreake at Syston offers the opportunity to begin restoration of the navigation as part of the wider regeneration of the River Soar and Grand Union Canal corridor. Our activities for the Oakham Canal are focussed on creating a green leisure corridor north of Oakham, based upon the remains and original course of the canal.



The former Melton Mowbray canal basin

Our achievements and plans



Footbridge at the entrance to the River Wreake, Syston

SO FAR WE HAVE:

- Worked with The Ramblers Association and landowners to create the Wreake Valley Way, forming a continuous waterside walkway on the line (wherever possible) of the Melton Mowbray Navigation towpath.
- Worked with the Waterways Recovery Group and Melton Mowbray Town Estate to create a slipway, providing easy access to the “Melton ring” waterway.
- Designed, had built, and regularly operate river clearance vessels to maintain the waterways in Melton Mowbray.
- Worked with Sustrans, Leicestershire County Council and British Waterways to ensure the design of the replacement footbridge at Syston met all waterway restoration criteria.
- Built the foundations for a sustainable future for both waterways.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO:

- Increase the awareness of the waterways and the Society within the community.
- Expand the range of leisure opportunities available on the waterways.
- Improve the ecology of the waterway corridor.
- Develop plans for the re-opening of the Melton Mowbray Navigation between the junction with the Grand Union Canal at Syston and Lewin Bridge on the Fosse Way.
- Develop plans for the re-opening of the Melton Mowbray Navigation westwards from Melton Mowbray.
- Develop a green leisure corridor northwards from Oakham, supporting a wide range of leisure activities.

Membership Form

CAPITALS PLEASE

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

MEMBERSHIP RATES

I/we wish to apply for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full member, 21 and over | £10 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full member, 18 - 21 | £5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional member at same address | £5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single life membership | £150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint life membership | £225 |

Children under the age 18 will be included in their parent's subscription at no extra charge. Corporate membership rate on application.

Additional donation to the Society £ _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to The Melton and Oakham Waterways Society. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we have completed the Standing Order form overleaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we have paid by bank transfer (40-32-14 a/c 41280783) |

HELPING THE SOCIETY

I can help!

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work parties | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |

Please complete this form and send to:

The Membership Secretary, The Melton and Oakham Waterways Society, 14 White Street, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8EB