

BRITISH WATERWAYS YORKSHIRE: UPDATE FROM OCTOBER 2007 USER GROUP MEETING

Item Ref: ER 1.0

Issue: Installation of steel bars at Don Aqueduct.

Updated position: The installation of the steel bars is due to take place during the first quarter of 2008/09

Item Ref: ER 3.0

Issue: Numbering of locks and bridges across the Yorkshire system.

Updated position: This is in progress and an update will be given at the UGM

Item Ref: NR 2.0

Issue: Installation of 'Slow Down' signage at Fulford Reach moorings on the River Ouse.

Updated position: This has been installed

Item Ref: WR 8.0

Issue: Re-issue of Boaters Handbook to all boaters.

Updated position: Boaters Handbooks are given to all new boaters when they receive information packs from the Business Support teams. BW Yorkshire will contact all boatbuilders in the region by the end of May to ask them to put a copy of the Boaters Handbook into each new boat. A proposal has been put to BW's Boat Licensing Team that a copy of the Boaters Handbook be mailed to all licence holders in 2008 as a one-off exercise.

Item Ref: 5.9

Issue: Consideration of the introduction of a profile of Standedge Tunnel dimensions when cruising towards the tunnel.

Updated position: The system currently in place which allows British Waterways staff to ensure dimensions are checked before passage has been proved to be effective for some time. This can take place at Aspley if required. Gauging points have also been considered but damage/vandalism is of concern

Item Ref: 6.2

Issue: Provision of search and rescue plans for Standedge Tunnel to West Yorkshire Police.

Updated position: A meeting with the Emergency services is planned as part of the Standedge Tunnel Review this spring.

Item Ref: 6.3

Issue: Production and installation of new information sheets for BW Yorkshire's noticeboards.

Updated position: A new design for the information sheets has been developed and BW Yorkshire is currently in consultation with representatives of our customer groups to help us provide the most useful information on these sheets. We have produced draft sheets for the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, which will be available to view at the Spring User Group Meeting. We are planning to have new designs finalised and information for all areas collated and in place by this summer.

Item Ref: 6.4

Issue: Access to the Heritage Survey.

Updated position: The Heritage survey has not yet been completed. Once completed and reviewed, a compact version of the document will be available for customer access in an appropriate form.

Item Ref: 6.8

Issue: Condition of the floating pontoons at Thwaite Mills.

Updated position: The pontoons are scheduled for repair in advance of Easter.

Item Ref: 7.0

Issue: Towpath clean-up along the Selby Canal by Selby Lions Club.

Updated position: British Waterways is happy to have an approach from the club on this.

British Waterways Yorkshire

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