



Towpath improvements

Access for all towpath users, including walkers, mobility buggies, wheelchairs and pushchairs continues to be improved at points along the canal. Between 2002 and 2007, most of the towpath was resurfaced with compacted, crushed stone from the local quarries at Westleigh. Priority was given to the muddiest and most uneven sections.

This spring, contractors have resurfaced some uneven sections near Tiverton Road car park and Crownhill Bridge. Further towpath resurfacing works are planned during April between the bridges in Sampford Peverell and between Waytown Tunnel and Lowdwells Lock, making it easier for everyone to enjoy the Canal.

Contractors have also concreted the slope from the road to the towpath at Greenway Bridge and Canal Rangers have re-hung the gate, making access for mobility buggies much easier.



In the summer later this year, it is anticipated that Abbotshood Cycle Hire (located by Greenway Bridge, Halberton) will be providing a 'Tramper' mobility buggy available for Canal visitors to hire. This is part of a wider project to make these off-road mobility buggies available at countryside sites throughout the south west. Look out for more information in the Summer Rangers Rag.



Visitor Centre update

During February 2010, a public consultation exercise was held to gain feedback from local residents and Canal visitors on the latest designs for the proposed new visitor centre at the Canal Basin in Tiverton.

Although the level of response was quite low, a clear majority supported the project and the proposed designs. 62% of respondents supported the proposed designs whilst 27% did not like them.



The commonest comment from those who did not like the designs was that they felt the design was too modern.

Architects working on the project will now update the designs where possible to take into account the feedback from the consultation and an application for planning permission will be submitted during April. If planning permission is granted, it is envisaged that construction will take place later this autumn.