

Rangers Rag



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

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New Slipway!

The Grand Western Canal has a brand new slipway at Boehill Bridge. This new feature will allow easier access to the canal for larger boats, with plenty of space for trailers to tow and manoeuvre their boats into the water. Minnows Caravan Park will provide safe parking for those wishing to store their vehicles.



The building of the slipway has involved many groups including the Grand Western Canal Trust, the Canal Awareness Group, and the Waterways Recovery Group, who are dedicated to restoring and improving watercourses across the country. The volunteers included two from America, who have included this work as part of a holiday, and others who are working towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Canal Awareness Group have also raised funds locally towards the project.

Mark Baker, the Canal Manager, is grateful to everybody involved and said, "What has really impressed me about this project has been the way groups and individuals have all pitched in with their time, money and machinery to make this happen."

Official Opening by DCC Chairman



The Official Opening of the slipway took place on 24th October 2003. The Chairman of Devon County Council, Lt. Colonel Anthony Drake, was keen to come and cut the official ribbon. He was delighted with the latest addition to the canal's

facilities. Local boating groups were present on the day. Two boats, Maude-Again and Sloe, gave a demonstration



New Ranger on the Loose

Penny Luntz joined the Ranger Team in October. Penny previously worked with The National Trust at Killerton Estate, Broadclyst. One of her responsibilities at the Grand Western Canal will be to set up an education programme for local schools. This will encourage children to appreciate the wildlife and learn about the industrial and social history of the canal. If you know of a local school that would be interested, ask them to contact Penny for more details on 01884 254072.

Watch this space for more fun events and activities for all the family in 2004.