

# **Stafford – Riverway Link Strategic Plan**

## **Monitoring Report 2017**

**Committee Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### **Physical**

Several Working Parties were held during March, April and May. Work continued on the Lock House site including preparation of the garden area and grass seeding. Additional planting in the hedge was carried out.

### **Raising Awareness**

Two more Social Evenings were held at The Sun PH, Stafford on 14<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Information on the Link is now being distributed by River and Canal Rescue with their mailing to customers.

The Company had a manned stand at the Country Fair at Stafford Castle on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chairman gave a talk to The Staffs. and Worcs. Canal Society at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Consequently, information about the Link will be included in their magazine "Broadsheet".

### **Increasing Support**

The Sun PH/Titanic Brewery continued their support by providing venue for Social Evening.

River and Canal Rescue began to support the Company by distributing information on the Link.

### **Fund Raising**

Funds continued to be raised through the Quiz, raffle and "Buy a Block" Scheme at the Social Evenings.

An application was made to Stafford Borough Council for £1000.00 through the Community Foundation.

A meeting was held with Cllr. A Edgeller and the Senior Locality Officer (Stafford) for Support Staffordshire to discuss potential sources of funding, a second meeting was arranged for October 2017.

Donations were received at the Country Fair Event.

### **Studies**

The Chairman had a preliminary meeting with a representative of Staffordshire University to discuss the potential for the University to undertake an hydrology study.

### **Other**

A meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 with the owners of the Lock House site to outline the Strategic Plan and to discuss details of the lease of the site.

The Company was represented at the IWA Restoration Workshop at Bilston on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.