



**Saxilby Waterfront Working Group  
Update for Planning and Development Committee  
Wednesday 16 July 2025**

1. **Information Boards:** We are currently awaiting the History Group to finalise the revised wording for the information boards. Once this is complete, the graphic designer will begin work on the visual elements. We are aiming to have the boards completed and installed by **September 2025**.
2. **Conservation leaflets:** To seek committee approval for the inclusion of a covering letter alongside conservation leaflets being distributed to residents and stakeholders within the designated conservation area.
3. **Biodiversity initiatives:**
  - a) **Implementation of a Compost System:**  
Develop a composting system for managing green waste, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders (e.g. Saxilby Nature Project)
  - b) **Repurposing Excess Willow:**  
Explore sustainable methods to repurpose surplus willow growth, particularly for equine use (e.g. Bransby Horses Home).
4. **Deer in the canal:** SWWG are working with Canal & River Trust (CRT) and their ecologist to coordinate and organise a multi-agency meeting involving the fire service, wildlife authorities, environmental agencies, and other stakeholders to address the issue of deer falling into the canal.
5. **Terms of Reference:** Recommendations have been made for Consideration
6. **Fund raising event:** Our first fund raising event for 2025 will be held on Saturday 21st July 2025 at Bridge Place Corner offering refreshments for the Lets Fish Event.
7. **Surplus Fencing:** That committee authorises the journalling of the funds for surplus fencing material to Grounds Maintenance from Saxilby Waterfront Budget. The fencing purchased out of the Waterfront RFF for the beech hedge on Bridge Place which committee agreed is no longer needed. Grounds are able to make use of the fencing elsewhere in the parish.
8. **Grants and Fund Raising for Heritage Lighting:** Funding is required to finalise the remaining project in the Master Plan (6.4) the installation of heritage lighting and address the current shortfall in our project funding. We are currently waiting for LCC to give us a final costs (for a potential cheaper new supplier). At the present time the cost for seven lamp posts is £8,400. There is around £4,000 in the RFF funding (from fund raising) with further fund raising and grants covering additional costs. The successful completion of this project will enhance the visual appeal and historical character of the area and is fully supported by WLDC Conservation Officer and Heritage Lincolnshire.

SWWG identified the following grant opportunities last month and SWWG (the council) is eligible to apply for the following grants:

- a. One Stop Community Grant -missed the closing deadline but can reapply in September
- b. One Earth Funding
- c. National Grid who have previously supported with funding for the wildflowers along the top towpath
- d. WLDC Community Action Fund or Community Development Fund - An expression of interest form has been submitted for guidance on applying and to ensure eligibility.

Funding aligns with these funding themes:

- Environment
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Heritage
  - Regeneration
- e. District Councillor Initiative Fund - agreed by committee at the last meeting (*in progress*)

## **9. Volunteer Days**

The next volunteer day is Saturday 02 August 9.30am-12.00. More volunteers are needed.

Councillors are welcome to come along and find out more about the conservation area and our heritage.

**To receive an update and agree recommendations:**

1. Conservation leaflets: To seek committee approval for the inclusion of a covering letter alongside conservation leaflets being distributed to residents and stakeholders
2. Explore Biodiversity initiatives – composting and re-purposing excess willow
3. Support fund raising event on 26 July 2025 by offering refreshments (relevant requirements to be met such as risk assessments
4. Invite members of council to attend a Working Group volunteer event on 02 August 2025.
5. Grants and Fund Raising for Heritage Lighting: For SWWG to liaise with the Grants Scrutiny Panel to confirm eligibility to apply for four grants - One Stop Community Grant, One Earth Fund, National Grid, West Lindsey District Council - and Planning and Development Committee approve grants being submitted subject to this confirmation.
6. To continue to work with CRT and partner groups to address the issue of deer in the canal.
7. Committee authorises the journaling of the funds for surplus fencing material to Grounds Maintenance from Saxilby Waterfront Budget.