



**Saxilby Waterfront Working Group
Update for Planning & Development Committee
Wednesday 15 October 2025**

Vision: Bridge Street Conservation Area will be a vibrant, well-maintained place to live, work, and visit. Its historic character, architectural heritage and waterway will be celebrated, preserved and enhanced, providing an enjoyable public space that current and future generations are proud of.

September Update (Deferred):

1. Information Boards. Master Plan 6.13

Wording for the information boards has been finalised and agreed by the working group. Lincolnshire Heritage has made contact and may be able to support the graphic design stage, helping to develop the visual layout and presentation of the boards.

2. Conservation Leaflets

Wording for both the resident letter and the stakeholder letter has been finalised. Distribution is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

3. Family Fun Day

The sum of £205.50p was raised at the Family Fun Day towards the Heritage Lighting.

4. Grants and Fund Raising

- a) Saxilby Waterfront Working Group has been selected as a local cause and is a Co-op Community Champion for the next six months
- b) *[Considered at FC25-10]* A Halloween themed cake/bake sale is proposed. The group is currently looking at a venue and date. The date will be confirmed based on the availability of a suitable venue. The event aims to bring the community together in a fun and seasonal way while raising funds to support ongoing enhancement of the waterfront area

5. Deer in the canal

Concerns have been raised by group members and members of the public regarding the number of deer falling into the canal during the months of April and May every year. This recurring issue poses both an animal welfare concern and a public safety risk. It is proposed that a multi-agency meeting be convened to discuss the matter further. This would allow relevant stakeholders to explore possible preventative measures and agree on a co-ordinated response. Such collaboration would represent a constructive step forward in addressing the issue effectively.

6. Project update:

Due to capacity constraints within the Parish Council office, progress on the project has been limited during July/August. As a result, the group is currently about six weeks behind the originally planned schedule.

7. Volunteer Day Audit of Tools

[Considered at FC25-10] The audit of tools for the volunteer days has been completed. It shows some excess tools and recommends new tools needed for next year. It is proposed that excess tools can be collected by members of the community for a suggested donation at the next volunteer day.

October Update:

1. Fundraising

A Halloween themed cake/bake sale is proposed for Friday 24 October 2025 in the Pavilion Bar area.

2. Grant success

The Working Group was successful in its grant application to One Earth, securing £1000 to support the installation of heritage lighting as part of the Saxilby Waterfront project.

3. Anglian Water:

Anglian Water owns and manages key infrastructure along Bridge Street, including a visible water pipe bridge and land positioned behind the existing storm pumping station. They have offered to have a site meeting to discuss their assets.

To receive an update and agree recommendations:

1. It is recommended that Planning & Development Committee note the information board update.
2. It is recommended that Planning & Development Committee arrange a multi-agency meeting to discuss the ongoing issue of deer falling into the canal during the months of April and May. The aim is to explore preventative measures and co-ordinate a response among relevant organisations.

Suggested agencies to involve:

- Local Wildlife Conservation Group
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Canal and River Trust
 - Parish Council representatives and SWWG members
 - Local police and emergency services
 - Animal Welfare Organisation
3. It is recommended that Planning & Development Committee approve the proposal to engage with Anglian Water through a site meeting, and notes that a follow-up report will be provided after the meeting

4. It is recommended that Planning & Development Committee consider how a designated volunteer group will be established and supported to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the area, working in partnership with the Canal and River Trust (CRT) to uphold agreed standards and responsibilities.

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