



Regeneration of Bridge Street Conservation Area (BSCA)
Update for Full Council
Wednesday 1st December 2021

Community 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.'

- The first Saxilby Waterfront Festival Task and Finish Group met before Christmas. We are still looking for sponsors to cover the event, so if you know of any business who would be interested, please contact Lydia and copy me in. We are linking with the local CRT Events manager for events during 2022. This month we will be asking for expressions of interest for stall holders via COMMS. We have also linked with Nettleham Christmas Market volunteers and shared ideas. They are coming to Saxilby this month to measure up for stalls, so we have an idea of capacity.
- With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year there are possible pots of funding available. We are hoping that various artwork by the Waterfront including the refurbishment of the mosaic will be achievable through this funding.
- Our Waterfront gateway sign is looking splendid, but a resident made a complaint with the proposed gateway sign by Canal Court so we put that on hold. We will work with residents to put the sign up this month.
- Our Landscape Architect came over in December and was impressed with the progress we have made since 2018.
- A project plan for 2022 is almost ready and will be shared with council next month.

A short overview of progress made in 2022:

- The Regeneration of Bridge Street Conservation Area is now almost a year behind due to the pandemic. With no fundraising, we have kept positive, making slow progress this year.
- I would like to thank our volunteers and working group members for their commitment, determination and time in making a difference to our heritage and the village.
- We have had disappointments last year as well. The footbridge was due to be repainted this winter, but it will be 2022 now.

- We have made another request to Anglian Water to refurbish and paint the pipe bridge. Our plans to refurbish the public toilets will be a project for 2022.
- Nineteen trees have been planted along Bridge Street, all sponsored by individuals and organisations. A bespoke illustration of the Waterfront will be part of a certificate for sponsors of the trees. Our thanks go to Kay Armstrong for supporting us with this.
- The planters along Bridge Street have looked fabulous this year thanks to generous donations from local plant and bulb suppliers organised and planted by Jenny Clarke and our volunteers.
- Painting has been the focus on our volunteer days making visual improvements to the area. Benches, picnic tables, fencing, railings and even walls have had a coat of paint!
- The wild flowers along the top towpath have been stunning this summer through to the autumn. We now have another donation from Western Power to extend the planting to the end of the towpath.
- Bridge Place Corner had an official opening to celebrate the improvements to the area. The bench is popular with many residents who enjoy sitting with an ice cream or looking at the Waterfront. Our new bench and noticeboard have been delivered and installed and two gateway signs are here, with one being installed.
- Fundraising has been difficult. But Jane Kay designed a quiz for families and Dilys Britt organised some pens printed with Saxilby Waterfront. All money raised goes to the project.

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