

Fund Britain's Waterways Update for Members, 6 November 2023

Dear Member,

Update on the Fund Britain's Waterways Westminster Campaign Cruise Tuesday 14th November

The need to Fund Britain's Waterways will be heard from the River Thames on **14/11 at 1411 hours** as boats gather off the Palace of Westminster to show their concerns. Please note this new time.

A flotilla of around 20 boats dressed with Fund Britain's Waterways banners, including privately owned narrowboats and commercial working boats, will pass under Westminster Bridge after travelling upstream along the Thames from West India Dock.

Waved on by supporters from the bridge, the boats will lay off the Palace of Westminster for around 10 minutes and collectively sound their horns to draw the attention of Parliament and the general public to the need to safeguard the future of Britain's inland waterways.

The campaign cruise aims to raise the profile of the FBW [public petition](#) calling on the Prime Minister to acknowledge the many social, economic and environmental benefits of Britain's inland waterways and give his assurance that the government will intervene where necessary to ensure our rivers and canals remain open, safe and accessible for all.

We need as many people as possible to show their support on Westminster Bridge on the day. If you are able to do so, please contact Frances Phasey on 07734 038297 to join the supporters' WhatsApp group. In this way you will be updated on the progress of the boats and their expected time of arrival at Westminster.

Thank you once again for your support of FBW. We hope to see you in Westminster!

With best wishes,

Les Etheridge - **Chair of Fund Britain's Waterways**

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