

13TH APRIL | CREATIVE HUB, NORTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY

# Restoration Conference 2024

Working in  
partnership:



## Waterway Restoration Conference 2024 Connected Working in Restoration – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April University of Northampton, Northampton, NN1 5PH

### Welcome

On behalf of Canal & River Trust, The Inland Waterways Association and Buckingham Canal Society we would like to welcome you to the 2024 Waterway Restoration Conference.

This year the conference theme is Connected Working in Restoration and will explore challenges and opportunities of working in partnership and maintaining positive relationships with a wide range of stakeholders given the current funding restraints. Keynote speakers include Cotswold Canals Trust, Canal & River Trust, The Inland Waterways Association, Waterway Recovery Group, Buckingham Canal Society, and KUSO Construction.

There will be plenty of time for networking over the extended lunch break. After lunch, a 30 min walk organised by IWA Northampton Branch will offer the chance to explore the River Nene which runs alongside the university campus, passing through Becket's Park, to the Town Lock and Northampton Marina. Please note the guided walk will need to be pre-booked.

We will also be running a choice of breakout sessions including:

A: No two people are the same - Overcoming mental and physical challenges in restoration volunteering

B: Creating capacity for restoration

C: Diversifying your volunteer base

D: What lies beneath... One small team, giant support for organisation. Campaign and Membership Management within a small team

Paul Rodgers of The Inland Waterways Association will be our compere for the day.

We hope you enjoy the event!

Jenny, Verena, Terry and David

# Agenda

09:20	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>
10.00	<b>Welcome and Opening.</b> <b>Julie Sharman, Chief Operating Officer Canal &amp; River Trust</b>
10:10	<b>Session 1:</b> <b>Environmental constraints and opportunities on restoration projects</b> Eoin Harris, Head of Environment & Climate Action at Canal & River Trust
10:45	<b>Session 2:</b> <b>Temporary works</b> Mark Bevan, Director at Kuso Construction and Francis Holden, Temporary Works Coordinator
11:20	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:40	<b>Breakout Workshop Options</b>  <b>A: No two people are the same - Overcoming mental and physical challenges in restoration volunteering</b> Claire Cavender, Volunteer with Buckingham Canal Society and Jenny Hodson, Volunteer Manager at IWA  <b>B: Creating capacity for restoration</b> Chris Madge (Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust), George Rogers (Chesterfield Canal Trust) and Terry Cavender (Buckingham Canal Society), IWA Restoration hub High Level Panel
12.25	<b>Breakout Workshops Feedback</b>
12:35	<b>Lunch/Photo slide show</b>
13.25	<b>Outdoor options:</b> Guided Walk led by IWA Northampton Branch  <b>Indoor Options:</b> Interactive stands and activities
13.55	<b>Session 3:</b> <b>Managing and growing the skills on your restoration sites</b> Mike Palmer, chair of Waterway Recovery Group
14.30	<b>Breakout Workshop Options</b>  <b>C: Diversifying your volunteer base</b> Jenny Hodson, Volunteer Manager at IWA and Darren Starling, Volunteer Team Leader London East at Canal & River Trust  <b>D: What lies beneath... One small team, giant support for organisation. Campaign and Membership Management within a small team</b> Lisa Mant, General Manager at The Cotswold Canals Trust
15.15	<b>Breakout Workshops Feedback</b>
15.25	<b>FBW Presentation</b> Bob Fox, IWA Birmingham Black Country & Worcestershire Branch
15.35	<b>Final thoughts. Mike Wills, IWA National Chair</b>

## Speaker bios



### **Eoin Harris**

Eoin is the Canal and River Trust's Head of Environment and Climate Action. His role is to develop and implement policy and strategy across all the Trust's activities both in terms of how projects are delivered now, but also how the Trust responds to emerging opportunities and constraints relating to Nature Recovery, Net Zero and Climate Adaptation. Eoin has a broad background in environmental sustainability as both an environmental manager and within an engineering consultancy. He has worked both in design and in construction delivery for a number of large infrastructure and development projects including rail, road and water.



### **Mark Bevan**

With over 35 years of dedicated experience in construction management and civil engineering, Mark has established his business as a leading design and management company in the industry. His career spans a vast spectrum of projects, ranging from modest endeavours valued at £400,000 to monumental undertakings exceeding £2.5 billion in scope.

Throughout his journey, Mark has immersed himself in diverse facets of construction and design, gathering comprehensive expertise along the way. However, it was his deep-seated fascination with temporary works that catalysed his pursuit of specialized knowledge in this pivotal field.

Recognizing the indispensable role of temporary works in every construction and civil engineering endeavour, Mark embarked on a quest to become exceptionally proficient in this domain.

In April 2020, amid the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, both Francis and Mark established KUSO Construction, a temporary works design and management company. Undeterred by the challenges posed by the unprecedented circumstances, the firm swiftly rose to prominence, delivering meticulously crafted designs poised for implementation post-pandemic.

At present, KUSO spearheads the management of the largest joint venture of HS2, a monumental milestone in our illustrious career. Leading the charge in the most expansive section of the largest construction and civil engineering project globally at its inception,

their unparalleled expertise and leadership are instrumental in ensuring the project's resounding success.

Moreover, KUSO involvement with bridges and viaducts has afforded them invaluable insights into waterway construction, strengthened by their collaboration with the Canal and River Trust. This profound understanding of the intricate requirements and nuances of waterway infrastructure underscores their unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation in every endeavour.

KUSO's excellence in the realm of construction management and civil engineering, epitomizing resilience, expertise, and visionary leadership. With a track record of unparalleled achievements and an unwavering dedication to pushing the boundaries of possibility, they continue to shape the landscape of the industry, leaving an indelible mark on every project they undertake.



**Francis Holden**

With over 20 years of experience in civil engineering and project management, specializing in temporary works, Francis has had the privilege of contributing to a diverse range of construction projects across the UK. From overseeing temporary works for major infrastructure projects such as the HS2, to managing design frameworks aimed at enhancing national infrastructure, Francis' career demonstrates a commitment to excellence in navigating challenging environments and adeptly finding solutions to complex problems while ensuring projects are delivered efficiently and within scope. With a proven track record of leadership and technical expertise spanning two decades, he brings a unique blend of skills to every endeavour, driving success in the construction industry.



**Claire Cavender**

Originally joining Buckingham Canal society as young volunteer in 2008. Working in IT and catering before leaving school. Upon finishing A-Levels Claire went to university and qualified as a registered adult nurse. Following qualifying she has worked in a range of settings including trauma and orthopaedics, spinal neurological and geriatric. During Covid Claire worked in occupational health Covid swabbing across industries. Following an accident the last few years, Claire has spent time between recovery and looking at disability life. Claire lives in Great Horwood near Buckingham sometimes with the family dog Buddy.

With nursing experience and event experience Claire supports the BCS aims by supporting in grant applications and event planning. As well Claire actively supports WoW for IWA.



### **Jenny Hodson**

Jenny has a background of working within the voluntary sector working with young people for many years. She worked in a Volunteer Centre for nearly 20 years supporting organisations around their volunteer policies and recruitment, leading on youth issues, volunteers with support issues and general development and support. Her last projects within the Volunteer Centre entailed encouraging young people to set up their own

volunteer projects and much one to one support to encourage young people to build self-esteem to be able to engage wider. Through this work Jenny undertook training to support mental health issues with young people and had youth counselling qualifications.



### **Terry Cavender**

Originally trained in electronics engineering and then becoming a computer systems analyst, Terry has worked as a global programme manager and project management practitioner. He has led a varied range of transformational work across health, pharmaceutical, defence, manufacturing and consultancy sectors over the past 40+ years. Currently, undertaking project management in healthcare logistics, Terry lives in Akeley near Buckingham with his wife and has two daughters.

As a former parish councillor, Terry supports the BCS aims by driving partnerships with relevant organisations to enable jointly beneficial outcomes that progress the aims of the Society. Terry is also a member of the Canal and River Trust Regional Advisory Board for the East Midlands as well as being a member of IWA's High Level Restoration Panel which guides restoration nationally through challenges and opportunities. Additionally, Terry leads BCS planning and ownership activities as well as providing project management for current restoration work. Joining BCS in 2008, Terry became a committee member in 2010 and has been Executive Officer since 2015.



### **Mike Palmer**

Chair of Waterway Recovery Group.

Mike Palmer MBE has been a WRG volunteer for nearly 50 years and WRG Chair since 1996 and is one of the leading figures in voluntary restoration work on the UK's inland waterways. Through dedication and commitment, he has championed best practice in volunteer canal restoration in regard to health and safety, restoration skills and

techniques, and plant operation. He has been an elected trustee of The Inland Waterways Association, a speaker at the World Canals Conference several times and was instrumental in the establishment of the IWA's Restoration Hub in 2017 and the publication of the IWA's Waterways For Today report in 2022.



### **Darren Starling**

Darren Starling is a Volunteer Team Leader with the Canal & River Trust, based in the London & Southeast Region. He has worked at the Trust for 10 years in a variety of roles, all working alongside Volunteers. Darren is a boat owner and became involved with the trust due to his selfish desire to improve the waterways so that he would have a better boating experience. Working on the cut became addictive and convinced Darren to abandon

his previous career for working life at a heady 4 miles per hour.



### **Lisa Mant**

Lisa Mant is the Company Secretary and General Manager for The Cotswold Canals Trust and has worked for the charity for over six years, supporting over 500 volunteers, a small team of staff and managing the secretariat for both Cotswold Canals Trust and Stroud Valleys Canals Company.

Having lived in the Stroud area her whole life, Lisa has enormous respect for the restoration work that has been carried out by volunteers creating a stunning area which benefits the community and is excited about the next phase to reconnect the Cotswold Canals to the national waterways network.

# Venue

## University of Northampton – Creative Hub:

University Drive Waterside Campus, Northampton, NN1 5PH

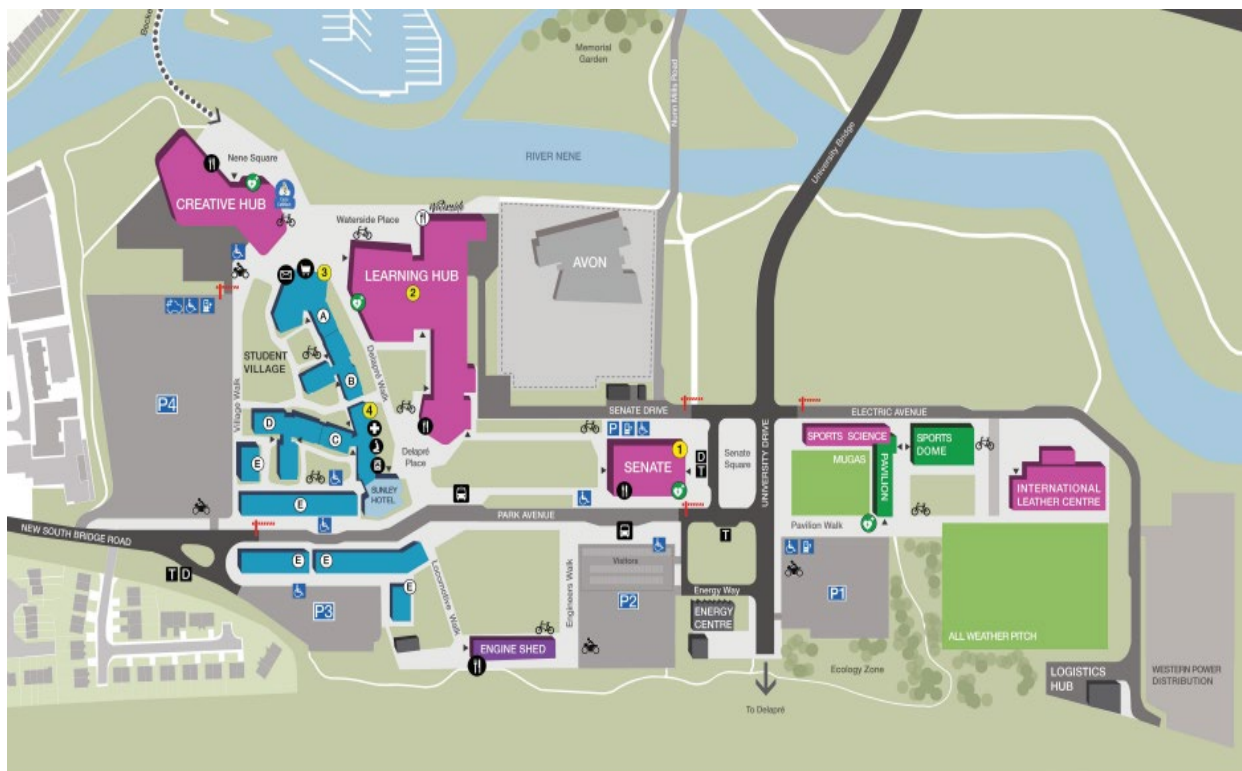
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## University of Northampton – Site Map



### STUDENT VILLAGE

- (A) Francis Crick Hall
- (B) Margaret Bondfield Hall
- (C) Charles Bradlaugh Hall
- (D) John Clare Hall
- (E) Town Houses

### SUNLEY HOTEL

### STUDENTS' UNION - Engine Shed

### ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

- Creative Hub
- Learning Hub
- Senate
- Sports Science
- International Leather Centre

### RECEPTIONS

- 1 Main Reception - Senate
- 2 Student Information Desk
- 3 Visitor Centre
- 4 Student Village Reception

### SPORTS ZONE

- Sports Pavilion
- Sports Dome
- MUGAS
- All Weather Pitch

### CAR PARKS

- P1
- P2 Visitors
- P3
- P4

### CAMPUS KEY

- Post Office
- Bus Stop
- Shop
- Taxi Rank
- Health Centre
- Drop-off / Pick-up
- Multi-Faith Centre
- Accessible Parking
- Laundry
- Electric Car Charging Point
- University Restaurant/Cafe
- Car Club
- Waterside Bar&Restaurant
- Cycle Connect Station
- Defibrillator (AED)
- Motorcycle Parking
- Vehicle Barrier
- Cycle Parking



## Health & Safety Information

### Safety

The University is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for its staff, students, and visitors.

This leaflet will provide you with the basic safety information needed, so as to ensure you are aware of how we achieve this.

The University expects all visitors to:

- Take reasonable care of themselves and others whilst on site.
- Not interfere with any item which has been provided in the interest of safety.
- Adhere to information and rules provided by the University in the interest of safety.

### Accidents and Incidents

You must report ALL accidents and incidents even if you do not sustain personal injury.

Accident/Incident Report forms can be completed by a university contact, reception, and security.

### What to do if you discover a fire

- If you discover a fire, you should withdraw and activate the nearest break-glass point indicated by these signs.
- If possible, inform security on 01604 892777.
- Evacuate the building by the nearest exit.



### What to do if you hear the alarm

On hearing the fire alarm (continuous ring) you must:

- Evacuate the building quickly but calmly.
- Make your way to the nearest assembly point which can be found on the Emergency Action notice located within escape routes and near call points.
- Stay at the assembly point and do not enter the building until you are told to do so by someone in authority. (Normally Security or the Fire Rescue Service).



### First Aid

A First Aider can be summoned by calling Campus Security on **01604 892269**.

If you think the incident is serious or life threatening, please call the emergency number on **01604 892777**.



### Smoking

The University operates a no smoking policy. As such smoking (which includes the use of all electronic devices) is not permitted with 5 metres of any University building including balconies. Please dispose of used smoking materials responsibly.

### Safety and Security

The University cannot be held liable for any lost or stolen items including vehicles and items in vehicles. Please ensure that you always keep valuable and personal belongings with you and not leave them unattended.

Campus Security can be contacted for any security concerns, or if you have any difficulties accessing buildings. Campus Security are located at the Police and Community Centre and can be contacted by calling **01604 892269**, or **01604 892777** in an emergency.

### Police Team

Waterside Campus has an onsite Police team that can be contacted in the event of any suspicious activities, or any others matters related to unlawful acts by calling **999** or **112**.

### Access Control

There are access control systems in operation around Waterside Campus. You will need to obtain a lanyard from the Senate reception if you need to gain access through speed barrier gates located within the academic buildings.

### Reception

The main campus reception is located at the ground floor of the Senate building and is manned Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm.

Telephone **01604 892323**.

An out of office time service will be available in the learning Hub (SID) desk, open Monday to Friday between 5pm and 8am and 24 hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

### By car

4.5 miles (approx) from the M1 Junction 15, Drive along London Road A45 and then follow the signs to the University.

Guests can use the car parks on either sides of the campus - car park 1, 2 & 4 as for the Site Map above. Please note Park Avenue is restricted - guests coming from New South Bridge Road (A508) wishing to park in car park 4 will need to use post code NN4 8RR; guests coming from University Bridge (A428) and wishing to use car parks 1 & 2, will need to use post code NN1 5PH.

### Parking

Parking does not need to be pre-booked at weekends.

Parking charges are applicable to all visitors, except Blue Badge holders and motorbikes. Parking payment must be made on arrival by cashless payment machine (contactless or chip and pin) or RingGo.

Payment and parking is linked via the Automatic Number Plate Recognition system so there is no need to display a ticket in your vehicle. To top up parking, users will either need to revisit the payment machine or use the RingGo app. If the payment machine is not working, visitors at Waterside can utilise another machine in an alternative car park or use the RingGo phone/app/website facility.

On Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holidays and Closed Days, the tariff (24 hours from midnight) is £1 all day.

## **By Rail**

Northampton Railway Station (1 mile from campus) is one hour by train from both London Euston and Birmingham New Street.

### **Northampton Rail Station**

Black Lion Hill, Northampton NN1 1SP

Northampton station has excellent links to large local cities such as Birmingham, Milton Keynes and London, it is just an hour ride from Euston or Birmingham New Street giving easy access to transfers to most major cities.

Additionally, Wellingborough station (approx. 12 miles away) has direct links to: Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and Sheffield. Stagecoach run the X46 and X4 to Wellingborough and beyond from Northampton.

## **Bus Services**

Number 18; 19/19A; 9B to Waterside

Uno bus offers routes to Northampton University. Be sure to check the Uno bus website for the latest timetables as some of our routes operate term and non-term schedules: [Timetables | Uno \(unobus.info\)](#)

The Uno buses also offer free Wi-Fi and USB charging points.

### **PAYMENT**

Uno buses accept: Cash on board; Contactless up to £100.00 on board; Uno mobile app – available from Google Play and Apple Store – prepaid.

Further information about bus timetables and maps for services operating in Northampton can be found on the Northamptonshire County Council website: [Northamptonshire Highways](#)

Find out more about bus services to University of Northampton:  
[Bus and rail services to our campuses | University of Northampton](#)

## **By Taxi**

Please ask your driver to drop you off at Waterside Campus, taxi drop-off lay-bys are available at both the east and west side of campus.

Mayfair Taxis

Tel: 01604 631111

Website: [mayfirtaxis.co.uk](http://mayfirtaxis.co.uk)

Amber Cars

Tel: 01604 232666 / 01604 251440

Website: [Amber cars northampton | 01604232666 | taxi service | airport transfers](#)

Skyline Taxis

Tel: 01604 222 111

Website: [Skyline Taxis Northampton | Book Taxi Northampton](#)

# Nearby Facilities

## Hotels

### Sunley Hotel

University of Northampton on-site hotel is in the centre of our Waterside Campus. With 32 sleek bedrooms, three conference rooms, a peaceful lounge area and free overnight parking.

Address: University of Northampton, Waterside Campus, New Southbridge Road, Northampton, NN4 8RR

Tel: 01604 892020

Website: [Home - Sunley Hotel | Northampton | Waterside Campus](#)

### Premier Inn Northampton Town Centre Hotel

Address: Swan Street, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1FA

Tel: 0333 003 8101

Website: [Northampton Town Centre Hotel | Premier Inn](#)

## Pharmacies

Boots Pharmacy, Hospital, Cliftonville Rd, Northampton NN1 5BD (10 minutes walking distance)

## Restaurants

### Waterside Restaurant&Bar

University of Northampton on-site restaurant

Website: [Home - Waterside Bar & Restaurant | Northampton | Waterside Campus \(watersidebarandrestaurant.com\)](#)

## Pubs

### Mail Coach

8 Derngate, Northampton NN1 1UB (13 minutes walking distance)

### The Optimist

23-25 St Giles' St, Northampton NN1 1JA (13 minutes walking distance)

# Useful Resources

- **Waterways for Today Report (PDF)**  
[Waterways-for-Today-REVISED-November-2022-FOR-WEB.pdf](#)
- **IWA Toolbox talks** on 70 different subjects.  
[https://waterways.org.uk/restoration\\_hub/advice-support/practical-toolkit-introduction/toolbox-talks](https://waterways.org.uk/restoration_hub/advice-support/practical-toolkit-introduction/toolbox-talks)
- **Angling Trust - Tackling floating pennywort on the River Wey:**  
<https://youtu.be/bvdz6rnPE5o>  
**British Canoeing, Whoosh Canoe Club - How to 'cut and float' the invasive non-native Floating Pennywort:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD6Wpv8mf-I>  
**Angling Trust - Floating Pennywort:**  
<https://youtu.be/4ro8vJ-xuIE>  
**Angling Trust - How to identify Floating Pennywort:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aij8AliDVws>  
**Angling Trust - Check Clean Dry:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jxo4y1KX\\_h4&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jxo4y1KX_h4&t=4s)  
**British Canoeing - How to check, clean and dry your canoe:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\\_-5fP3pYGo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_-5fP3pYGo)