



Inland Waterways Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27th September 2025 at 11.30am
at the Jubilee Conference Centre, NG7 2TU - Nottingham

Delegate Pack **Welcome**

On behalf of the Inland Waterways Association we would like to welcome you
to the 66th Annual General Meeting.

Members will be able to attend the sessions remotely as well as attending in person. [Please register in advance](#) (bookings are open) whether you intend to attend in person or remotely. The link to register to attend remotely is [here](#).

There will be a photographer at the event so please let us know if you do not wish to be featured in any photographs.

The Jubilee Conference Centre will be open to our members from 10.00 am with refreshments available. The IWA National Chair will give a welcoming speech at 10:30 a.m., followed by presentations on IWA's Campaigns and Political Engagement. The formal Annual General Meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the presentation of the IWA National Awards. Additional presentations on Restoration, Water Management, and Sustainable Boating will follow.

Lunch will be available at 1:10 p.m. from the Conference Centre Café. To ensure your preferred meal is available, please pre-order via the AGM booking link. Payment will be collected by card at the IWA reception desk when you register on arrival..

This year, we are delighted to offer two optional guided visits, both departing at around 2:00 p.m. Delegates can choose between a visit to the restored Draycott Canal Cottages and Café on the Derby Canal, or to the Friends of the Cromford Canal's Beggarlee restoration site – further details below.

Each visit provides a behind-the-scenes look at heritage canal projects, with a great chance for networking.

We hope you enjoy the event!

Programme for the Day: The Annual General Meeting is the formal part of the day-long Annual Members Meeting, the full timetable of which is as follows:

10.00 – 10.30 am	Coffee and Registration
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome from Mike Wills, National Chair
10:40 – 11:00 am	Updates on Campaigns and Political Engagement
11:00 – 11:10 am	Presentation on The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
11:10 – 11.30 am	Tea & Coffee Interval
11.30 – 12.00 pm	Annual General Meeting
12:00 – 12:40 pm	Presentation of IWA National Awards
12:40 – 1:10 pm	Presentation on Restoration, Sustainable Boating and Water Management
1:10 – 2.00 pm	Lunch (pre-order in advance and pay on registration)
2:00 pm	Departure for afternoon guided visits

AGM Agenda

1. Opening remarks and welcome
2. To review and approve the [minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting](#)
3. To receive the [Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2024](#) and the Report of the Auditors
4. To confirm the appointments and reappointments of the following members, recommended by the Board, as Trustee Directors of the Association, namely: Dave Chapman and Mike Wills as recommended each for terms of three years. [Details of nominees are available here.](#)
5. To re-appoint Sayer Vincent LLP as auditors of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts and to authorise trustees to agree their remuneration

Lunch

Lunch will be available at 1.10 p.m. from the Conference Centre Café - Spokes. To guarantee your choice is available and within a reasonable time, please make sure you pre-order your meal via the AGM booking link. Please submit your choice by **19th September at noon. IWA reception desk staff will collect payment by card at registration.** Anyone who has not pre-ordered lunch will be able to select items available on the day from the Spokes Café menu.

Notes

Gluten free sandwiches, wraps and pizzas are also available to order.

A range of salad dressings will be available for self-service.

Pizzas will be available for collection from the hot counter.

All butter used is plant based.

Pre-ordered food will be labelled for your easy collection.

Afternoon Activities - Guided Visits

This year, we are delighted to offer **two optional guided visits**, both departing at around 2:00 p.m. Each visit provides a behind-the-scenes look at heritage canal projects, with a great chance for networking.

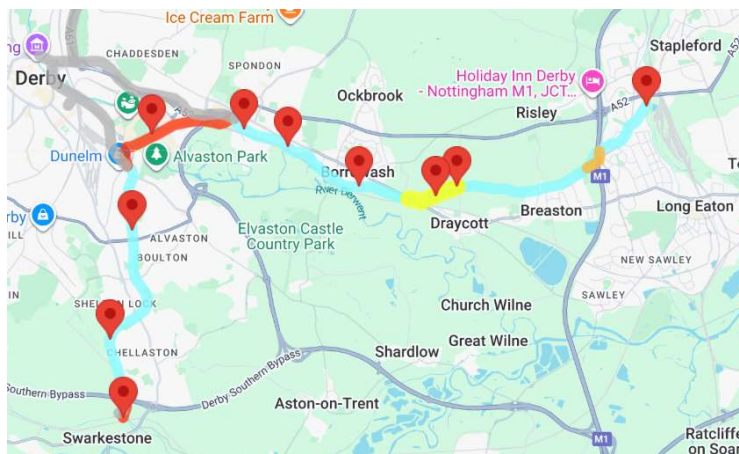
Afternoon Visit Option 1 - Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust – Canal Cottages

The Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust invite visitors to the restored Canal Cottages at Draycott, about 10km from the university venue. Once a late-18th century mill and workers' cottages, the buildings were transformed over four years - using reclaimed materials and extensive volunteer effort - into three rental cottages, a café, meeting rooms, and a small museum celebrating the Derby Canal. Visitors will hear about the restoration challenges, enjoy a short guided walk along the canal line, and discover plans for flood management and water transfer. An engaging insight into heritage brought back to life. Good footwear is essential.

Location: Hopwell Road, Draycott DE72 3PE

Directions: Please use the postcode in your satnav for directions. Approx. 20-25 mins by car from Jubilee Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Parking: Reasonable parking is available on site and in the immediate vicinity.



Canal Route Colour Coding: **Blue** – Original route to be restored; **Grey** – Abandoned / Unrecoverable; **Red** – Proposed New route; **Orange** – Proposed alternative route (where applicable); **Yellow** – ‘The Golden Mile’ – [The Draycott Project](#). For more information about the Cottages:

<https://derbycanal.org.uk/canal-cottages/>

Afternoon Visit Option 2 - Friends of the Cromford Canal – Beggarlee Extension

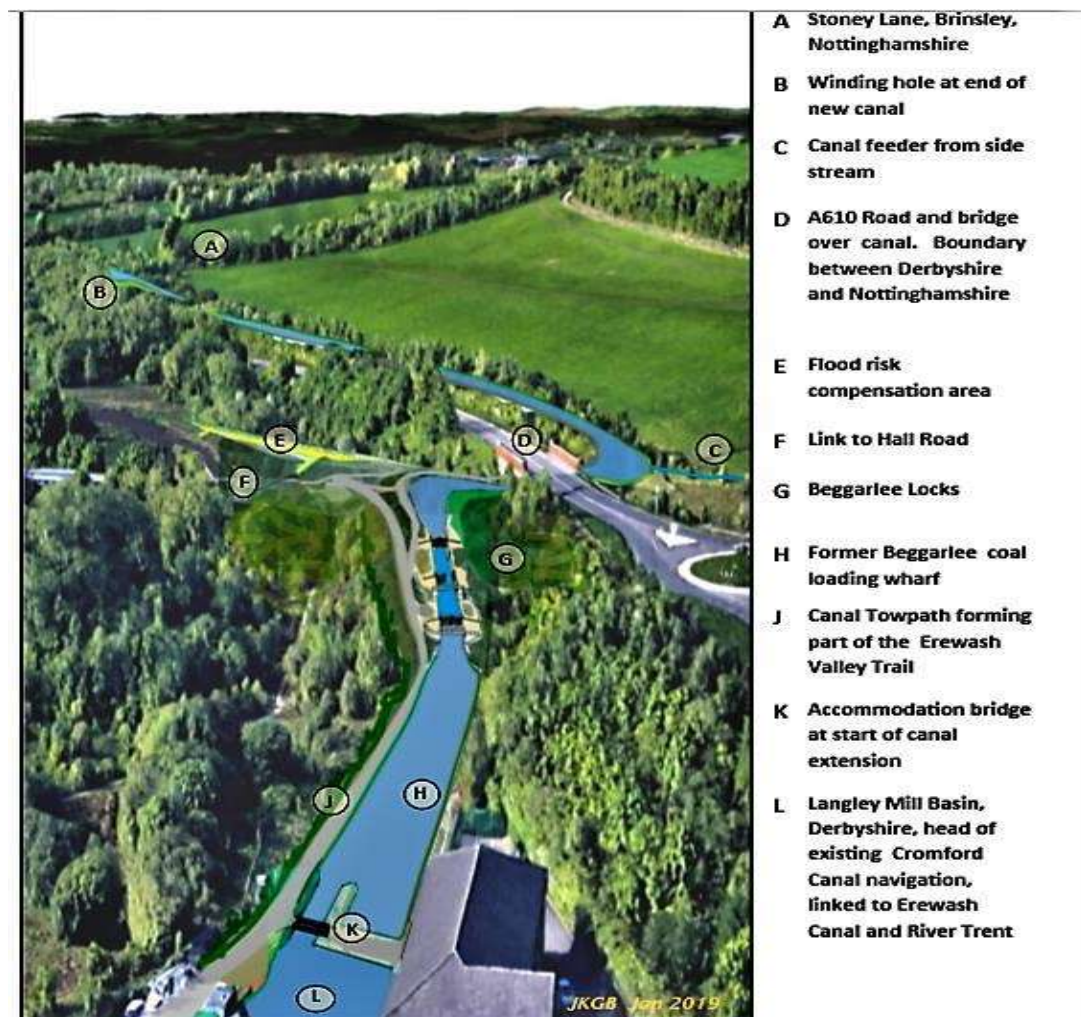
FCC's Strategic Restoration Project - Headwall & Flood Channel extension 2023/24

The Friends of the Cromford Canal invite attendees to explore the progress made on the "Beggarlee extension". The project will restore 1km of canal on a new route past a blockage in the historic line caused by the construction of the A610 Langley Mill bypass road. This will enable the 1974 restored section to rejoin the original line northwards along the scenic Erewash Valley. It will also fill a missing link in the Erewash Trail walking and cycling route. The initial activity will be the construction of a flood compensation zone, which will then enable the first length of the canal to be restored across part of the River Erewash floodplain, before rising through two locks taking it onto higher ground.

FCC will also share stories of the charity, its volunteers, and the Cromford Canal history.

Upon arrival a guided walk will be offered to IWA attendees, where FCC volunteers will take small groups a short trip (15 minutes on the towpath) from the Great Northern Basin starting at Lock 14 which is on the Cromford Canal and up through to the construction site.

Good footwear is essential due to a rough stone path; prior arrangements will need to be made for any visitors



with accessibility requirements who can go to the top end by car.

Location: Adjacent to the New Horizon Church, 1 Linkmel Road, Langley Mill. NG16 3RZ

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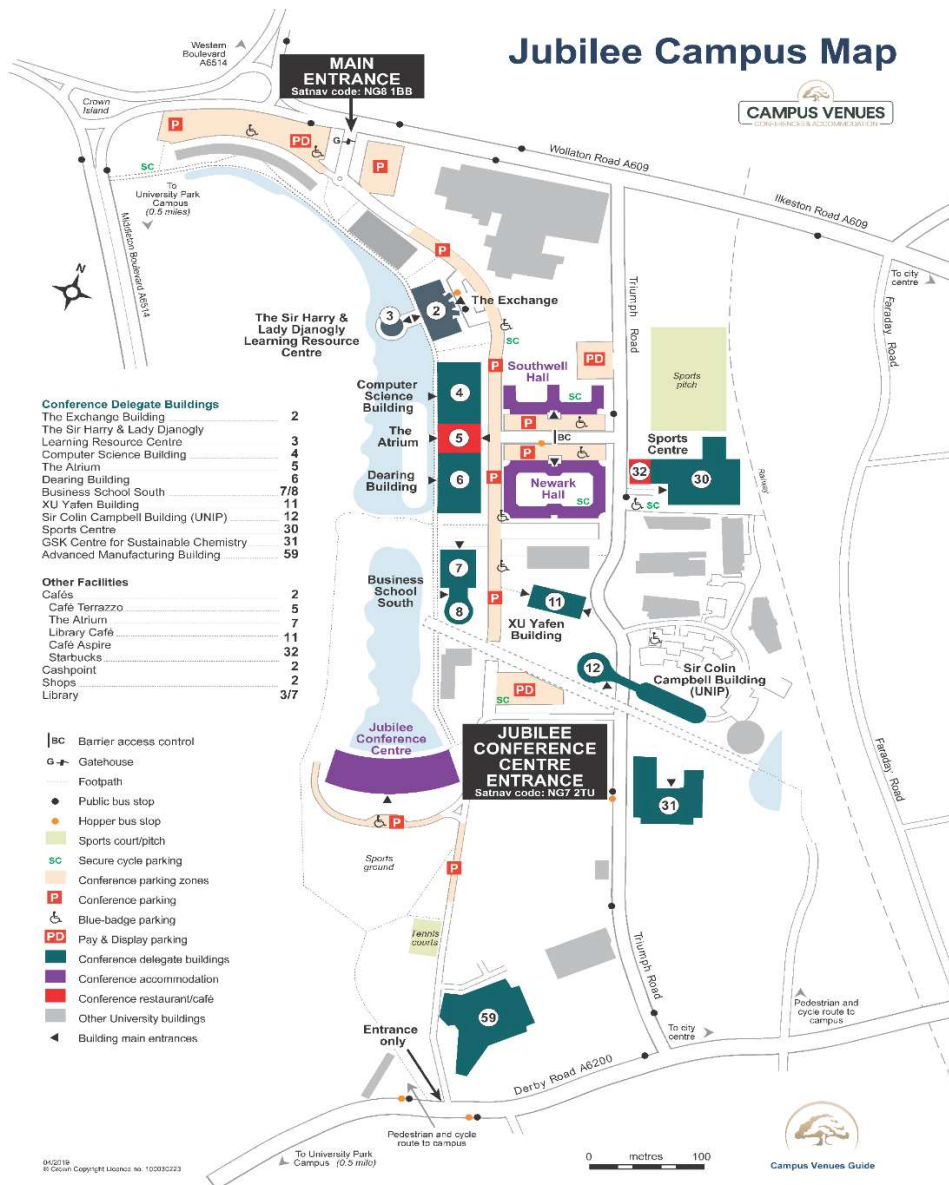
Parking: Adjacent to the Great Northern Pub on Linkmel Road trading estate, also in front of Travis Perkins which shuts at 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

The Venue

Address: Triumph Road, Jubilee Conference Centre, Nottingham NG7 2TU. For direct access to the venue car park, please use the postcode NG8 1DH in your Sat Nav.

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The venue is fully accessible with disabled toilets and step free access.



Travel Information

By car

The Jubilee Hotel & Conferences is situated off the M1, JCT 25, 2 miles from Nottingham
Postcode NG8 1DH

Parking

Free parking on-site & electric charging points. Please use the postcode NG8 1DH in your Sat Nav

By Taxi

By taxi: about 10 minutes to the Jubilee Conference Centre (postcode for Sat Nav NG8 1DH)
either from Nottingham or Beeston Rail Station

Lenton Cars Ltd

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DG Cars

0115 950 0500 / 0115 960 7607

Nottingham Cars

0115 970 0700

By Public Transport**From Nottingham Station** (2 miles from the venue)

By bus: Journey time around 20-30 minutes.

34C - board at Popham Street and get off at Hillside

Indigo - board at Friar Lane Stop F4 and get off at Hillside Stop LE12

i4 – board at Friar Lane Stop F3 to Hillside Stop LE12

Skylink – board at Broad Marsh bus station and get off at Gregory street Stop LE17

From Beeston Station (2.5 miles from the venue)

By bus: Journey time around 20-30 minutes.

18 - board at Lilac Crescent, get off at Hillside Stop LE01

Indigo – board at Beeston Centre, get off at Hillside Stop LE01

Nearby Facilities

Accommodation**The Jubilee Hotel & Conferences (on site)**

Triumph Road Jubilee Conference Centre, Nottingham NG7 2TU

[The Jubilee Hotel & Conferences in Nottingham](#)

0115 773 3720

The Orchard Hotel & Restaurant

[The Orchard Hotel & Restaurant - Nottingham Venues](#)

Beeston Lane, University Park Campus, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom, NG7 2RJ

0115 876 0900

Travelodge Nottingham Riverside

Riverside Retail Park, Tottle Rd, Queens DR, Nottingham NG2 1RT

[Travelodge | Nottingham Riverside hotel - Nottingham Riverside hotels](#)

0871 984 6092

Restaurants and Pubs**Rose&Crown**

500 Derby Road Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2GW

0115 978 4958

7 min walk from Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre

Savera Balti

Hillside House, 365 Derby Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2EB

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0115 9781904

7 min walk from Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre

Tikhana Restaurant

313 Ilkeston Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 3FY

0115 784 4895

15 min walk from Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre

The Johnson Arms

59 Abbey Street, Nottingham, NG7 2NZ

[The Johnson Arms – Our Local Pub](#)

0115 8749810

15 min walk from Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre

Crocus Café

18 Lenton Boulevard Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2ES England

0115 950 5080

[crocus café. deli. restaurant. vegetarian. vegan. eat. drink. meet. chat.](#)

18 min walk from Jubilee Hotel and Conference Centre

Pharmacies**Trust Pharmacy**

B Floor, Queens Medical Centre, Derby Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2UH

Lenton Pharmacy

336 Derby Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2DW