

Dear Member/Supporter,

Welcome to the latest issue of **Flow**, the newsletter for **MW** members and supporters of the project.

Channel Works - Work on the channel below the GWR towards Green Lane continues to make good progress. Waterways contractor Greenford has released a short time lapse video showing works in this area at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLdJ2vcIp3Y>



Instead of the original plan to raise the low pipe bridge below the GWR, Thames Water has now agreed we may **remove** it, after further tests revealed the pipe is redundant..!! Removal will allow the large pipe that runs inside the footpath tunnel also to be removed at a later stage.

added to the completed section of channel alongside Hines Meadow car park. Other finishing touches will be added elsewhere as the completed sections of the waterway come together and join up. The escape ladder shown adjoins the pump chamber (red brick) that will drain the enlarged and flood-protected Green Way path under St Cloud Way.

Railings, an escape ladder and safety chains have been



Claire's Court - We held two very successful community events for c90 Claire's Court Year 10 (15 year old) pupils in mid-July. After a short briefing on the project at the amphitheatre we walked along the waterway to set up camp at Town Moor, then split into groups to clear a channel through the overgrown Moor Cut towards St Cloud Way. Once they got the hang of it, the pupils (and teachers too..!) really put their heart into it and thoroughly enjoyed working together in the stream. Our thanks to Principal James Wilding and to the **MW** volunteers that assisted on the two days. You can see a couple of short Youtube videos of the two days at...

https://youtu.be/_dyapTe3tvc (the girls) and <https://youtu.be/slDvi5xQe2A> (the boys).

FoM Shop - The Rotary-led Friends of Maidenhead shop in Nicholson's centre has now closed. We had a prominent display alongside RBMW, Countryside and many community groups. Feedback on

the waterway project from the over 2,500 visitors was generally very positive, but there remains frustration at the slow pace of town centre regeneration and concern about how the local infrastructure will cope with the scale of growth proposed for Maidenhead in the emerging Borough Local Plan. Thanks are due to FoM and to the **MW** volunteers who helped man the shop.



Channel Clearances - We continue regular MW clearances in the feeder channels to improve summer flows into the town centre. On 20th July we were joined by an enthusiastic group of 24 from SUEZ UK's HR team. More corporate partners are sought to share the burden of ongoing clearance work to keep up flows. If you can introduce us to a potential partner or join an occasional clearance outing *please get in touch* at the EMail below.

RBWM/Countryside Joint Venture - **MW** attended the first stakeholder presentation of Countryside's initial plans for four RBWM owned sites earmarked for the joint venture (JV) – West Street; St Cloud Way/Magnet; York Road; and Reform Road. Three of the four sites adjoin the waterway and we hope to work closely with the JV to encourage it to make the most of the waterway and to contribute towards completing the consented waterway plans. The JV's plans at this stage are very high level/illustrative and still need to go through the usual planning consent processes.

Borough Local Plan (BLP) -The deadline for feedback on RWBM's final (Regulation 19) draft of the BLP has been extended to **27th September**, following a legal challenge by residents' groups over the process and guidance provided – in particular as to whether further consultation comments must be limited to legal compliance and soundness of the overall plan. The Regulation 19 draft of the BLP does now have an Infrastructure Plan, but otherwise reflects minimal change from the Regulation 18 version consulted on in December. If you still have concerns about the **content** of the draft BLP, we recommend you **resubmit** them anyway. RBWM's response to **MW's** submission at Regulation 18 was disappointing, we plan to resubmit our concerns so they will go to the inspector.

2017/18 Subscriptions - Member subs for 2017/18 are now overdue. If you haven't yet paid, please do so - into our bank account or per <http://maidenheadwaterways.org/TopMenu/mwmembership.aspx>.

Other Volunteers - If you can offer *a few hours a month* to help it would be appreciated, we can usually match interests to needs. Please get in touch at **EMail:** contactus@maidenheadwaterways.org or via the **Web Site:** www.maidenheadwaterways.org

Best regards,

Richard Davenport
Chairman of the Trustees

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