

The Friends' of Exeter Ship Canal



Annual General Meeting

1 June 2017

Annual Report

I am sure many of you will have read coverage of our work in the local press as work parties, organised by the Friends, have cleared large areas of the canal banks. These work parties will continue into 2017 and further. We have made good contact with Exeter City Council, owners of the Canal, with whom we agree projects to be carried out, and who are very appreciative of our work. We are also grateful to Exeter Sea Cadets, keen users of the Canal, for their practical support.

In addition, we have valuable links with the Inland Waterways Association, of which we are corporate members, and have benefited from the expertise of the IWA's West County Branch.

The Friends were inaugurated with a two-year start up grant from Exeter Quay and Canal Trust for which we express our gratitude. Without these funds we could not have managed what we have.

In September (2016), the Friends organised a jazz performance in the Transit Shed on Exeter Quay as part of the 'Exeter's Heritage Open Days'. We also had stands at the craft fairs held on the Quay.

Through the Friends' efforts Exeter Ship Canal has featured twice this year in Waterways World, the leading canal and river magazine. You can view their latest article '[Exploring the Exeter Ship Canal](#)', [here....](#) It's well worth a look!

In January 2017 we issued our first Newsletter to members with another due very soon. We have held regular committee meetings since, one of which was open to all members. This was very successful, and we plan to hold more open meetings.

I invite you to read the reports listed opposite from a number of our committee members. They give more detailed information, including our financial statement for the year.

Finally, I should like to thank you, our members, for your support. We hope you will continue to support us, join in our activities and encourage others to do so.

Nick Hawker, Secretary