

Market Weighton Canal Trail – Update March 21



Thanks to all of you for your continued support for this Community inspired project. The need for the Canal Trail has attained even more significance over the past year after being locked in our homes for us to look forward to exploring and enjoying our surrounding local countryside.

Almost 1 year ago we had submitted an application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) when it was understandably withdrawn to enable focus on Covid related impacts that needed support. Whilst naturally disappointed we were very pleased that funding would be provided to those in greatest need. The Heritage Fund has now re-opened the application process with a revised focus on how our heritage assets can play a significant role in strengthening recovery post Covid. These priorities include:

- Making our communities a better place to live
- Creating economic prosperity
- Supporting personal wellbeing.

In preparation for an updated and re-focused application we now need your help in once again connecting with our residents and stakeholders. It is vitally important that we incorporate the views and aspirations of our community, be they residents, businesses or agencies that are supportive in our aim to create a coherent walking Trail along the route of the Canal. This will link with the Trans Pennine Trail at Humber Lock and at the northern end with the Hudson Way and other routes in Market Weighton.

We will shortly be in touch with all who have been interested in the Canal Trail Project to seek your support and input your aspirations to our application. Most importantly we are seeking the views of all residents as to how they would like to become involved in the Project through volunteering or simply providing their recollections relating to the history of the Canal. Of particular interest is to hear your views as to how we can engage with those who have been particularly affected by recent events, be they young or old.

Please contact Gordon on 01430 440301 or email consult@amtltd.com to express an interest, get involved or simply stay informed on the Project plans.

