

## West Bridgford Canal Group WebCan

Following last summer's prolonged dry weather, which led to sections of the Grantham canal drying up a number of concerned residents have come together to form the West Bridgford canal group WebCan.

The aim of the group is to restore consistent water levels in the section of the canal which runs from Gamston through Lady Bay to the Trent ensuring that the area remains an attractive amenity for local people and a haven for wildlife.

Chaired by county councillor Penny Gowland, WebCan includes representatives from Lady Bay and Abbey Park community associations and Gamston parish council. Councillors Sue and Richard Mallender are both members of the committee. The group has already started dialogue with key organisations including Rushcliffe Borough Council, Notts County Council, the Environment Agency, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Severn Trent, the Canal and River Trust (CRT) and the Grantham Canal Society (GCS).



There has recently been some work on the canal with volunteers from GCS, including a strong contingent of people from Lady Bay, clearing culverts, blockages and overgrown bankside vegetation much of it down near Lock 1 adjacent to the Environment Agency. CRT, funded by Rushcliffe Council has also carried out reed clearance along part of the Lady Bay and Gamston sections of the canal and more work will be done after the end of the summer nesting season

This photo shows the low water level in the canal.



The search continues for an engineering solution which will guarantee a steady year-round flow of water. Webcan is investigating what factors have led to the current problems as well as working with the relevant authorities to devise and fund measures to safeguard the water supply in the future.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Kathleen Dunmore [tredragon2@btinternet.com](mailto:tredragon2@btinternet.com) or visit our Facebook page [webcan | Facebook](#)