

Mrs Helen Thomas
Lancaster Canal Trust
7 Bay View
Over Kellet
Carnforth
LA6 1DR

Dear Boaters,

NORTHERN REACHES QUESTIONNAIRE

The Northern Reaches Restoration is an ambitious multi-million pound scheme to re-open the most northerly 14 miles of the Lancaster Canal to Kendal, which was cut off from boat traffic when the M6 was built in the 1960's. The Lancaster Canal Trust (LCT) is part of the Lancaster Canal Restoration Partnership (LCRP) and is a voluntary organisation which has worked unstintingly originally to keep the canal open, and for the last 40 years to re-establish the cruising length to Kendal. The LCT undertakes a range of work in support of the Lancaster Canal and the restoration proposal.

We are aware of the increased popularity of the Lancaster Canal since the opening of the Ribble Link and this questionnaire has been produced to try to identify the extent of support amongst visitors to the Lancaster Canal for the existing system and the proposed extension through to Kendal. As part of the justification for financial support for the restoration, we are also interested in the benefits that might accrue to the local economy by use of local shops, restaurants and visitor attractions. Finally we would like to know if the information that the LCT and LCRP put out is useful, and provides the opportunity for you to become involved in our work.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the questionnaire overleaf and return to the address above. Details of membership and how to make a contribution will be provided on request or can be found on the Trusts website at www.lancastercanaltrust.org.uk. Further information can also be found on the website of LCRP at www.thenorthernreaches.co.uk. If you return the questionnaire with a photograph of your boat at Tewitfield, together with your home address, there will be the opportunity to obtain a commemorative plaque to remind you of your visit. This unique plaque will only be available to boaters who have visited Tewitfield.

Please add your name and address to your reply.

Yours faithfully

Helen Thomas



NORTHERN REACHES OF THE LANCASTER CANAL QUESTIONNAIRE



Q1 Where is your home mooring/hire base?

Q2 How long did you stay on the Lancaster Canal?

Q3 How many people were there in your party?

Q4 What was your average spend per day?

Q5 What attracts you to the Lancaster Canal? (eg: lock free / Ribble Link / landscape / cycling or walking routes)

Q6 What attractions have you visited away from the canal?

Q7 What is the most northerly point you have reached?

Note : If you have a photo of your boat at Tewitfield and would like to receive a commemorative plaque to remind you of your visit, please send it with this questionnaire and your details, filled in at the bottom of this form.

Q8 What additional facilities or further improvements would you like to see on or in the vicinity of the Lancaster Canal?

Q9 Would you like to visit the Lancaster Canal again?

Yes No

Q10 Will you spend longer on the Lancaster Canal when the Northern Reaches are re-opened?

Yes No

Q11 Have you visited www.lancastercanaltrust.org?

Yes No

Q12 If so, was it useful and do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Q13 Did you find the 'Complete Guide to the Lancaster Canal' useful?

Yes No

Q14 Have you visited www.thenorthernreaches.co.uk?

Yes No

Q15 If so, was it useful and do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Q16 Have you visited www.waterscape.org?

Yes No

Q17 If so, was it useful and do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Q18 Are you a member of Lancaster Canal Trust or Inland Waterways Association?

Yes No

If you would like more information about joining either of these or would like to make a contribution towards the Northern Reaches, please indicate which and then complete your details at the bottom of the form.

Please add any comments you wish to make

Name:
Boat Name:
Phone:
Email:
Address: