

Pocklington Canal Bicentenary

2018 is an important year for PCAS. It marks the bicentenary of the completion of building of the canal. PCAS has been working very hard to restore a further two miles of canal, between Melbourne and Bielby. This included repairs and re-gating of Thornton Lock (in photos) and Walbut Lock. Where possible work has been done by PCAS volunteers.



Coates Lock will need minor works and the next major project will be to restore Sandhill Lock, which is in derelict condition.



The Canal & River Trust received Lottery funding, which has been used to improve wildlife habitats, provide new interpretation signs and leaflets, restore the attractive Church Bridge and arrange a variety of public events on the canal and an exhibition of historic photos and documents. It has funded dredging of sections of the canal for wildlife and to support the PCAS Restoration Project, which required dredging to be done for navigation.



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www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org

The aims of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society are

- to promote restoration of the canal to a navigable standard for the benefit of the local community and the general public, as an amenity that can be enjoyed by all.
- to stimulate public interest and appreciation of the beauty, history, flora & fauna, and structures of the Pocklington Canal and its environs, with respect for the legal protection of its heritage and wildlife.
- to support the use of the canal for educational purposes.

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) was formed in 1969. Since then, volunteers have done a great deal to improve and maintain the canal and our volunteers do work on the canal throughout the year.

We have around 300 members and you are welcome to become a volunteer. Fundraising is essential and donations from members and the public, and grants make a very important contribution to our work. Our trip boat *New Horizons*, the Information Centre at Canal Head and the PCAS Stall are run by our volunteers and these generate a steady income.

We organise social events, to which visitors are welcome, and publish a magazine called *Double Nine* three times a year.

PCAS works with various organisations including the Canal & River Trust, Natural England and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to help more people enjoy the canal. Care is taken to avoid damage to the wildlife and heritage, which are important features of the Pocklington Canal.

The Pocklington Canal

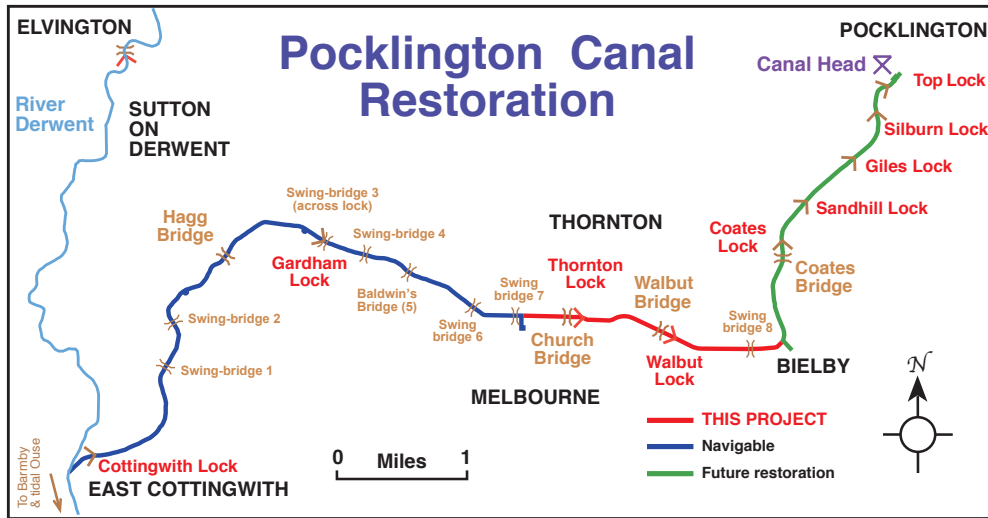


NEW HORIZONS TRIP BOAT

30 minute public trips on the Pocklington Canal are available from noon to about 4.15 pm. on Sundays and Bank Holidays (April–October).
No booking required. Donations welcome.

Longer trips from 2 to 7 hours can be booked at other times, for up to 12 passengers.

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The PCAS Bicentenary Project will extend navigation by two miles, from Melbourne to Bielby

The Pocklington Canal was completed in 1818 and is a haven for wildlife. It is used for walking, angling and boating.

Canal Head on the A1079 York to Hull road has a picnic site and is an ideal place to start discovering the canal. The towpath from Canal Head to Coates Bridge is a bridleway. The remainder of the towpath, which runs alongside the entire length of the canal, is a footpath.



Please keep to the towpath, as much surrounding land is privately owned. Keep dogs under control to avoid disturbing birds and other wildlife. Most of the canal is in Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Access to the canal towpath is also possible at Coates Bridge, Bielby Arm, Walbut Bridge, Church Bridge and Melbourne Arm. The public footpaths leading to No. 6 swing-bridge,



Canal Guide and a variety of mugs, fridge magnets and other PCAS merchandise can be bought at the Information Centre.

Please see our website for information about the canal, useful links and information about forthcoming events.

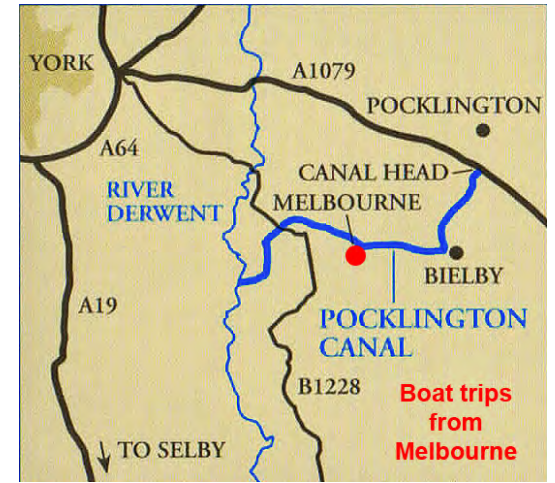
If you would like to help us to restore and maintain the canal there are donation boxes at Canal Head and at Melbourne Arm.



Baldwin's Bridge, Hagg Bridge, Canal Lane and Church Lane in East Cottingwith also provide access. Circular walks of varying lengths are available, starting at these access points.

Angling permits can be obtained from the York and District Amalgamation of Anglers and from tackle shops in York. A rod licence is also required. There are platforms for disabled anglers at Canal Head.

New interpretation signs are being installed at various sites along the canal. The PCAS Information Centre at Canal Head is open during the afternoon on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Copies of the new



Volunteering

If you are interested in the Pocklington Canal, the first step is to join PCAS. Please get in touch as soon as possible and find out about volunteering and the ways that you can help PCAS achieve its aims.

Contacting PCAS

Contact details are on the website or you can send email to: enquiries@pocklingtoncanalsociety.org For enquiries including volunteering, please ring: 01494 784571.