

## Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) is a registered charity and was formed to protect and restore the Pocklington Canal and to promote it as an amenity for everyone to enjoy.

The Pocklington Canal is nationally and internationally important for wildlife, including designations as a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Ramsar site for part or all of its length. All the locks and some of the bridges are Grade II listed structures. PCAS acknowledges its responsibility to protect the environment during the course of its activities, principally volunteer maintenance & restoration work.

With the support of the Canal & River Trust, PCAS commits to:

- Fulfilling our legal compliance obligations regarding protecting the environment;
- Preventing pollution, managing waste, protecting wildlife and the heritage structures along the canal through effective risk assessment and implementation of good practice;
- Providing sufficient information about protecting the environment to allow its volunteers, 3<sup>rd</sup> party volunteers and contractors to minimise environmental impact when carrying out its activities;
- Requiring 3<sup>rd</sup> party volunteers and contractors to be competent to protect the environment whist undertaking the work expected of them.

The Committee fully support this policy which will be reviewed annually, or at such other intervals as is deemed appropriate by the committee of the society. The Policy will be made available on request to PCAS members, 3rd party volunteers, contractors and to anyone else with reasonable cause.

Paul Waddington Chairman 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024