

### What is the Basingstoke Canal Boating Club?

The BCBC was formed in March 1989 and now has in excess of 50 family or individual memberships, representing over 100 people interested in boating on the Basingstoke Canal.

#### Our main objectives are:

- To encourage boating on the Basingstoke Canal.
- To represent the interests of boat users to Local and National decision making bodies.
- To improve facilities for boaters on the Canal.

#### What do we do?

During the year we have a series of social events centred around the canal. These range from boat rallies to barbecues.

We work closely with other Canal user groups. For example we are currently supporting the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society's initiative for a back-pumping scheme for the St. John's lock flight.

We work to improve the facilities and conditions on the canal for boaters. For example, we have built several water points on the canal and we successfully negotiated the removal of VAT charged on licence fees.

### The Benefits of Membership

Members of the Basingstoke Canal Boat Club;

- Receive a regular newsletter providing current news of developments, improvements, stoppages etc.
- Automatically receive membership of the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs, a passport to the facilities of 100 boating clubs throughout the Inland Waterway system.
- Have the opportunity to meet fellow boat and canal enthusiasts and participate in boating activities on the canal.

#### Who Can Join

The club is open to;

- Boat Users
- Boat Owners
- Canal Enthusiasts

.....In fact anyone who just enjoys 'messaging about in boats' whether or not they own one.

#### How to Join

Simply complete the application form and send it to the Membership Secretary at the address shown.

### Membership Application

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Name .....

Address .....

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Phone Home .....

Work .....

Occupation .....

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Boat Name .....

Length .....

Beam .....

Type of Boat .....

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Please return with cheque/PO for £8.00 annual family subscription (made payable to "Basingstoke Canal Boating Club") to the Membership Secretary;

*Bobbie King, 27 Foxhurst Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 5DY.*