

British Waterways - South East Visitor Moorings - Priority Sites for Improvements

Below are brief details of the proposed improvements at our priority sites. These are split into two phases. It is proposed to start Phase 1 improvements in Summer 2011; Phase 2 will start in Autumn 11/Spring12. Details of Phase 2 proposed improvements are currently being developed. Improvements will include changes to stay times and a review of all mooring signage at the priority site. New signage may include a "Welcome" sign at each end of the site, providing mooring information to visiting boaters.

We hope to introduce the new volunteer monitoring process at each of the Phase 1 sites and this will include the introduction of Extended Stay Charges. Initially we plan to trial this new way of working at Thrupp and then roll it out to the other sites.

Further information on the proposed improvements can be found on the British Waterways' website: <http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk/south-east/user-groups>. We would be very pleased to hear your views on these proposals. Please e-mail enquiries.southeast@britishwaterways.co.uk

PHASE 1

Site	Proposed Improvements
Foxton	A mix of 7 day and 48hr moorings from Bridge 3 Market Harborough Arm, towards the Swing Bridge by Foxton Locks Inn. These could revert to 14 day during winter months. No mooring in the immediate vicinity of the Swing Bridge and visitor moorings between Br 62 and the bottom lock (including adjacent to Foxton Locks Inn) to be restricted to 24 hours, all year. A mix of 48 hour and 7 day moorings between Bridge 62 and Br 63, GU Leics Line. These could revert to 14 day during winter months. South of the Top Lock, Lock Queuing and Service Mooring Only and then 48 hr mooring to Bridge 60, which could revert to 14 day during winter months.
Stoke Bruerne	A review of visitor moorings will take place during May 2011.
Brownsover	South of Br 58, existing 24 hr moorings offside at the picnic area to remain. The elsan should be re-opened during April. 200m of 48 hr mooring on towpath side, southwards towards Br 59, Broughton Road. We may consider the opportunity for a 2 hour "shopping" mooring outside Tesco. North of Br 58: service mooring, then approx 100 m of 48 hrs, plus approx 125 m of 7 day moorings up to the Aqueduct.
Cropredy	Change unused long term mooring north of Lock 25 to 48 hr visitor mooring. Existing stay times to remain across whole of Cropredy village, south to Br 154, Cropredy Mill.
Banbury	North side: change to 7 day (summer) and 14 day (winter) between Br 163 and No Mooring section; then 48hr/14 day between No Mooring section and Tom Rolt Br 164; 48 hr from Tom Rolt to Tooleys Br 164B. Disabled and other moorings offside - keep as 48 hr. Tramway moorings - change to 7 day from Br 166 (Albion) to Br 168 (Samuelson); keep as 14 day from Br 168 to Long Term moorings.
Lower Heyford	The water point at Br 206 has already been re-furbished and moved 20 m south to provide an improved service mooring. Between the old narrows and Br 205 (lift bridge), 7 day moorings; North of Br 205, 48 hr along the new piling.
Thrupp/Gunpowder	South of Br 220 (Shipton Bridge), existing 14 day moorings to remain (to be monitored by Thrupp Canal Cruising Club) and to be used as winter moorings, if required. 7 day/winter moorings to remain, just south of Thrupp Wide lift bridge. Existing 48 hr opposite cottages/Boat Inn to remain. Existing 14 day by Jolly Boatman to become 48 hr; existing 48 hr by Jolly Boatman to remain. South of Sparrowgap Bridge (Br 223): 85 m of 48 hr mooring, then No Mooring along soft edge (Conservation Area). A further 50 m of 48 hr mooring between Gunpowder Wharf and the existing Long Term mooring. No Mooring between the Long Term section and Bridge 224.
Marsworth	North of Br 131 - Leave as 14 day. Between Br 131 and Br 132, change 14 day opposite junction to 48 hr. Change 14 day opposite White Lion to 24 hr. Change 14 day on the White Lion side to 24 hr.
Cowroast	North of lock - service mooring and then 48 hr to the marina entrance bridge. 7 day from the marina entrance to Br 136. South of lock - a mix of 100m 48hr; 100m 7 day; 100m non designated 14 day.
Berkhamsted	48 hr between Gas Lock and footbridge (Br 140A). 48 hr all the way South past Waitrose to Lower Kings Road (Br 140C). 48 hr from Br 140C, past The Moor to Br 141. 48 hr from Br 141 to Lock 54. No Mooring from Lock 54 to Br 142A footbridge. 7 day from footbridge to Br 143 (Rose Bridge). We may consider the opportunity for a 2 hour "shopping" mooring outside Waitrose.
Batchworth	South of Br 173, Batchworth Road, existing single berth long term mooring to remain. Change existing 14 day to 24 hr from here, south to timber footbridge. 48 hr from footbridge to Br 174. 7 day from Br 174 to Aquadrome entrance. 48 hr from Aquadrome entrance to bend near Stockers Lock. No mooring/Lock landing only from bend to Stockers Lock.

PHASE 2

Site	Key Changes to Consider/Action
Yelvertoft	Service mooring has been increased in length to allow two boats to use the existing two taps.
Bugbrooke	Create designated moorings - various stay times - to be decided.
All Oaks Wood	Increase length of visitor moorings - various stay times - to be decided.
Hillmorton	Change existing 14 day designated moorings at the north and south ends of Hillmorton to 48 hr.
Oxford (centre)	Review existing stay times.
Thrupp Wharf	Create designated visitor moorings - stay times to be decided.
Black Horse	Review moorings signage (totems missing outside pub); add signage re new rubbish compound.
Globe Inn (south of Br 111)	Create designated 24 hour visitor moorings
Leighton Buzzard	Review existing stay times; add signage for new bin store; fence off area around old bin store
Wendover Arm	Welcome sign at junction with GU indicating mooring restrictions and WAT information. No Mooring from Br 1 to Pump House/Narrow. 48 hr from Pump House/Narrow to winding hole (towpath side only). No Mooring offside from Pump House/Narrow to beyond the winding hole.
Cassiobury Park	Extend the No Mooring section of the lock landing at Lock 78 by approx 10 m (extent of wooden bollards). 48 hr from lock landing to Br 168, excluding area of Service Mooring by water point.