



NORTHERN CANALS ASSOCIATION

The informal meeting place for waterway
restoration groups

President - Keith Gibson Chair - Ivan Cane



Friends of the
Cromford Canal

Spring Meeting – SATURDAY 22nd March 2025

Hosts: Friends of the Cromford Canal

Venue: New Horizon Church, 1 Linkmel Road, Langley Mill. NG16 3RZ

FCC'S STRATEGIC RESTORATION PROJECT - UPDATE



The Friends of the Cromford Canal will update the attendees on the progress made on the “Beggalee extension” in the period since 2020, when planning approval was finally secured. The project will restore 1km of canal on a new route past a blockage in the historic line caused by the construction of the A610 Langley Mill bypass road. This will enable the 1974 restored section to rejoin the original line northwards along the scenic Erewash Valley. It will also fill a missing link in the Erewash Trail walking and cycling route. The initial activity will be the construction of a flood compensation zone, which will then enable the first length of the canal to be restored across part of the River Erewash floodplain, before rising through two locks taking it onto higher ground.

The FCC team will also provide overviews of the charity, its use of volunteers and the Cromford Canal history.

After lunch a guided walk will be offered to attendees, where FCC volunteers will take small groups a short trip from the Great Northern basin (actually part of the Cromford Canal) and up onto the construction site.

Morning Programme

10:00 Tea & Coffee at the New Horizon Church

10:30 Introduction and Welcome - Ivan Cane and David Martin

10:40 FCC volunteers – Richard Handley

11:10 A brief history of the restoration of the Cromford Canal – Dave Ratner

11:45 The Beggarlee Extension – Chris Broome FCC Engineer

12.45 Buffet Lunch at New Horizon Church

Michael Aerts from Terraseal Ltd will again have a display of their lining products and will be available to discuss your restoration's water problems.



Afternoon Programme

13:30 A trip through time up the Cromford Canal – David Martin.

14:15 The Beggarlee site visit & return walk – Chris Broome.

15:45 Group Updates. *

16:45 Closing remarks - David Martin & Ivan Cane.

17:00 Close.

* There will be 6 update slots available – if you wish to use one - please include your request to report in your initial e-mail. Any slide presentations will need to be with me (Ivan Cane – northern.canals2021@btinternet.com - a week before the meeting, i.e. Sunday 16th March, please.

The cost for the day, including lunch, is **£15.00**. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options can be available, but please let us know when booking if you require these.

If possible, please pay online to:

“Northern Canals Association”, account no. **00513800**, sort code **30-96-26**.

Please give your Society/Trust/Organisation name as reference and send an email to northern.canals2021@btinternet.com with details of who will be attending. Also, please indicate if you wish to give an update on your group's work.

If you prefer, cheques to be made payable to Northern Canals Association and sent with details of those attending to Ivan Cane, Northern Canals Association, 36 Hayes Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 9ER (Tel: 01328 862435)

In either case, please reply by **Tuesday 11th March** so that catering arrangements can be finalised. Receipts will be supplied, on request, on the day.

Chris Broome – the walk organiser writes:

The walk is about a 2 km mile round trip, and we will provide guides to point out the work that has been achieved in the four years since planning approval was granted.

The ground is likely to be very muddy so wellington boots are highly recommended.

Cromford Canal Beggarlee Extension

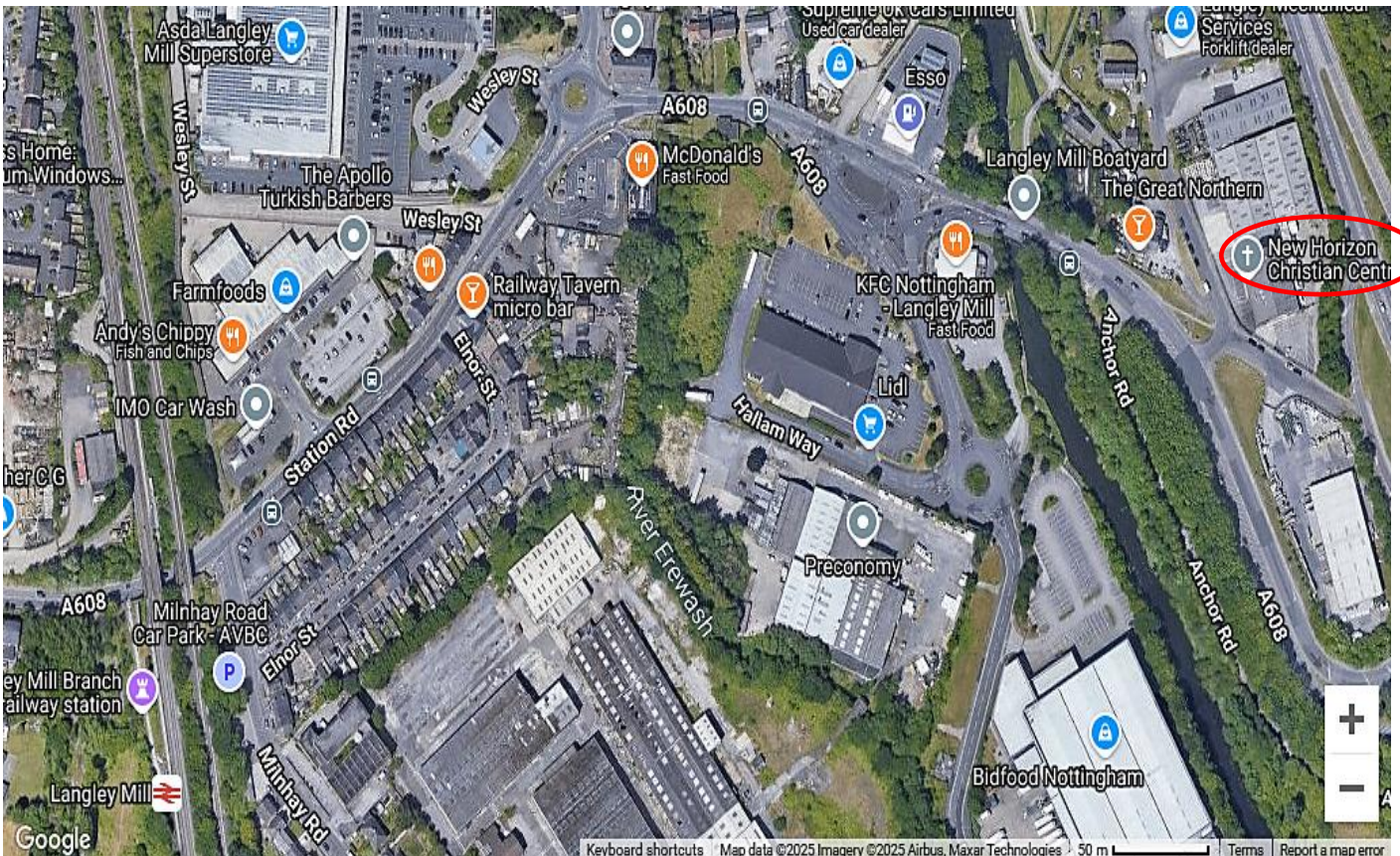
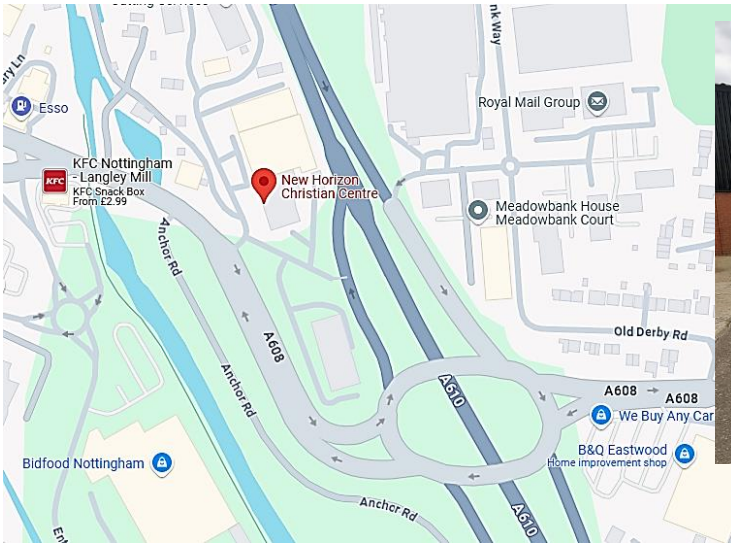


- A** Stoney Lane, Brinsley, Nottinghamshire
- B** Winding hole at end of new canal
- C** Canal feeder from side stream
- D** A610 Road and bridge over canal. Boundary between Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
- E** Flood risk compensation area
- F** Link to Hall Road
- G** Beggarlee Locks
- H** Former Beggarlee coal loading wharf
- J** Canal Towpath forming part of the Erewash Valley Trail
- K** Accommodation bridge at start of canal extension
- L** Langley Mill Basin, Derbyshire, head of existing Cromford Canal navigation, linked to Erewash Canal and River Trent

Walking Boots and Outdoor Gear Essential

GETTING THERE

New Horizon Christian Centre, details below and maps below



VENUE: 1, Linkmel Road, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3RZ

By Rail: from Nottingham Station exchange for *Nottingham to Sheffield North*, which stops at Langley Mill. Or from Derby to Chesterfield Station, the *Chesterfield to Nottingham South* stops at Langley Mill. If Uber required, the station is about 0.5 miles away from New Horizon Church.

By Water: adjacent to the Langley Mill boatyard at the top of the Erewash Canal.

By Road:

M1 Southbound it's Junction 27 M1 turn right and follow A608 to Heanor through Underwood, Brinsley, to Eastwood, and onto Langley Mill, cross the A610 junction turn first right onto Linkmel Road.

M1 Northbound it's Junction 26 M1, A610 west, off at junction 2, Derby Road A608 turn left to Heanor and it's first right onto Linkmel Road.

A38 Northbound or Southbound get off turn right/left at junction of Ripley A610 southbound following the A610 through Codnor, turn left at the second set of lights in Codnor back onto dual carriageway A610 to Eastwood, get off at the junction 2 with A608 for Heanor turning right, over the Island turn first right onto Linkmel Rd.



**For your diaries the next meeting will
be hosted by the Shrewsbury &
Newport Canals Trust on SUNDAY
5th October 2025.**



**And in a year's time, back to the
Chesterfield Canal Trust on SUNDAY
22nd March 2026**

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Please contact the NCA right away