



## **KENNET & AVON VISITOR MOORING (WEST) PILOT REVIEW**

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14 October 2015

The sub-group reviewed the visitor moorings on the west end of the K&AS between Bath and Foxhangers. The recommendations from the group were implemented for a pilot period from July 2015.

This report summarises the feedback received on the changes piloted. The sub-group are asked to consider the feedback and make final recommendations to the waterway manager who will make a final decision on any changes to visitor moorings.

### **Lock 10/11 temporary 48 hour visitor mooring**

1. Retain temporary 48 hour visitor moorings (all year).  
Review once the future of the moorings on the river have been resolved.
2. Install signage to indicate that boats can double moor if necessary.
3. Part of these visitor moorings (up to 50%) could be considered by C&RT for winter mooring permits.

No change was made and no feedback received

Winter mooring update. (Horseshoe Walk Bridge) 100m available for WM, 79.82m (6 permits) sold (as of 07/10/15)

### **Bath 48 hour visitor moorings**

4. Retain existing 48 hour visitor moorings (all year).
5. Winding hole (50ft) above lock 13 to be retained but not formally signed due to potential conflict with lock landing.  
Sign lock landing above lock in front of the Winding Hole as no mooring (approximately 50ft)
6. Install a temporary sign to inform boaters of additional temporary moorings available between lock 10/11.

No change was made and no feedback was received

No winter moorings available at this location

### **Darlington Wharf**

7. Install 33.5m mooring for relocated hire boats from Dundas. Retain existing 48 hour visitor mooring west of relocated hire boats (all year).
8. Extend visitor moorings east of relocated hire boats to the end of the hard edge. Visitor moorings to the east of the hire boats 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).
9. Part of these visitor moorings (up to 50%) could be considered by C&RT for winter mooring permits.

There have been a number of incidents of vandalism with the VM tiles removed from the posts, these have now been replaced. No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.

Winter mooring update. 100 m available for WM, 88.18m (6 permits) sold (as of 07/10/15)

### **Bathampton**

10. Shorten 48 hour west visitor moorings by approximately half, improve bank condition to bring up to S1 standard when feasible to do so. Retain remaining 48 hour west visitor moorings (all year).
11. Retain 48 hour school visitor mooring (all year).
12. Install no mooring tile on winding hole.
13. Return 48 hour east visitor moorings to 14 day (S2). Part of these visitor moorings (up to 50%) could be considered by C&RT for winter mooring permits.
14. Reinstate winding hole sign by current 48 hour east visitor mooring.

No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.

Winter mooring update. 60m available for WM, 55.77m (4 permits) sold (as of 07/10/15)

### **Claverton**

15. Reduce length of 'no mooring' section as much as possible without impacting on water level measuring equipment.
16. Reduce 48 hour mooring by approximately half, returning part between 48 hour visitor mooring and the directly managed moorings to general towpath mooring (14 day /S2).
17. Remaining visitor mooring 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).

No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.  
Winter mooring update. 60m available for WM, 69.18m (4 permits) sold (as of 07/10/15)

### **Dundas**

18. Shorten west visitor mooring by approximately half, returning part to general towpath mooring (14 day/S2). Remaining west visitor mooring to be 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).
19. Retain 48 hour visitor moorings in basin (all year)
20. Section in basin between water point and bridge to be half closest to the water point 'no mooring' and half closest to the bridge general towpath mooring (14 day/S2)
21. Retain visitor moorings on east side of aqueduct 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).
22. Mooring space occupied by two hire boats to be relocated to Darlington Wharf (approx 33.5m) to be returned to visitor mooring 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).

No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.  
Winter mooring update. 50m available for WM, 15.24m (1 permit) sold (as of 07/10/15)

### **Avoncliff**

23. Visitor moorings west side of the aqueduct to be moved closer to the aqueduct (including most of the current 'no mooring' section), but shorted the visitor moorings at the western end by the same amount gained by including the 'no mooring' section.
24. Introduce a section of 14 day VM (S2) between the end of the west visitor moorings and the directly managed moorings.
25. Install advisory disabled mooring tile on the east side of the aqueduct.
26. All Avoncliff visitor moorings to remain 48 hour (all year).

We have received a complaint that boats moored in the section closest to the aqueduct have caused difficulties for the Barbara McClellan trip boat to navigate safely when turning from/to the aqueduct, especially when there are other boats on or waiting to enter the aqueduct. They have requested that this section be reverted to 'no mooring'.

No winter moorings available at this location

### **Bradford on Avon**

27. Return trade mooring below the lock to 48 hour visitor mooring.
28. Retain current 48 hour visitor mooring (all year) below the lock. Improve bank when feasible to do so\*.
29. Retain existing 48 hour visitor mooring (all year) above lock.
30. Install no mooring signs under Bridge 171 (Sainsbury's bridge).
31. Install no mooring for wide beam boats on a short section of the visitor mooring opposite Oxfordshire Narrowboat moorings. This is necessary to ensure the navigation is not blocked. This will not affect the Barbara McLellan Trip Boat mooring.

No changes were made to the length and stay time of the VM  
We have received complaints about boats mooring under bridge 171 (Sainsbury's Bridge) on the offside. We have now been able to confirm that the land under the bridge on both sides is owned by CRT. New 'no mooring' signage is to be installed under the bridge.

No winter moorings available at this location.

\*Note from Dale Marshall - The proposed improvements to the VM below BOA lock, will likely be delayed or cancelled due to cost of improvements. £5k available is not enough, likely to require another £20 / £25k  
Easiest solution is to shorten the moorings, so they don't extend across the back of the Tithe barn area, which is the bit with no defined edge, rings or bollards.

### **Widbrook**

32. Return 48 hour visitor moorings closest to 170 (Beehive bridge) to 14 day (S2) mooring.
33. Retain visitor moorings east of marina entrance 48 hour (all year)

No comments have been received about the changes.

No winter moorings available at this location.

### **Hilperton**

34. Shorten visitor moorings by approximately half retaining section closest to bridge 166.
35. Remaining visitor mooring to be 48 hour (all year)

We have received complaints from residents living opposite the mooring that the change has resulted in disturbance from generator noise and fumes and observations that boats have experienced difficulties passing moored boats on the bend (see copy of email below). We have also had boats overstaying the stay time on the section that was extended to 14 days. Residents have requested that the visitor mooring section be reinstated as it was.

No winter moorings available at this location.

### **Semmington**

36. Extend the visitor moorings west by 50m.
37. Install sign to indicate that the first two boat length of moorings west of bridge 160 is suitable for double mooring.
38. Visitor mooring to be 48 hour (all year)

No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.

No winter moorings available at this location.

### **Seend Cleeve**

39. Reduce 48 hour visitor mooring below lock 154 by approximately half to retain section on the hard edge mooring only.
40. Visitor moorings below the lock 48 hour (April to October), 14 day (November to March).
41. Install sign to indicate suitable for double mooring.
42. Retain 48 hour (all year) visitor mooring by Barge Inn

No comments or feedback has been received about the changes.

No winter moorings available at this location.

### **Sells Green**

43. Retain exiting visitor moorings 48 hours (all year)

No changes were made to the VM

No winter moorings available at this location.

### **Foxhangers**

44. Retain exiting visitor moorings 48 hours (all year)
45. Make section west of visitor moorings by old railway bridge abutments/opposite marina entrance 'no mooring'

No changes were made to the VM

No winter moorings available at this location.

**Marsh Lane**

46. Retain exiting visitor moorings 48 hours (all year)

No changes were made to the VM  
No winter moorings available at this location.

Consideration of other mooring locations

47. It was agreed that Summerham Brook aqueduct should  
be signed as no mooring.

No comments or feedback has been received about this change.

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## Email from Hilperton residents

1. We as residence feel that this was not fully thought out as it now allows long term boaters to flout the stopping times and overstaying at times from 2 weeks to at most nearly 2 months!!

2, With long terms staying and parking extremely close to each other on the corner next to us, a lot of the time not staying on the boats either they then come adrift and cause terrible problems blocking the canal completely, I'm presuming this is because the moorings are put under more pressure as passing boats struggle to pass on the corner and many times get half way around and then have to reverse as they can't make it or they are too long!! This then leads to a lot of water movement and makes the moored boats break free! A lot of horns have been sounded this season as you just can't see around the corner before you enter this area when there are lots of boats moored!

3, From point 2. I feel that the tow path in this particular part is under a lot of pressure at the moment as when I walk my dogs it's very obvious the path sinks and when it rains there are a number of areas which have massive puddles, where they hammer their stakes the edges are falling in so much that they are putting them into the path for stability. This happened a few years ago the other side of the bridge and you had to reinforce the tow path which was a massive and costly job I imagine.

4, As the posts were moved in the holiday season I feel this caused a problem as holiday boats could not stop as much as they used to as there wasn't enough space ! The garage shop and the pubs in the village were used regularly but many times I witnessed these people trying to stop but just didn't have enough room so carried on past which is such a shame for the local business's. At times only 2 barges could stop because they tend to be longer with a lot of people on board so there just isn't enough space for inexperienced boaters to manoeuvre themselves in and out ! It's such a shame as in the past we would have maybe 3-5 boats stopping.

5, Apart from the disruption to moorings next to us and not always but mostly being unsightly boats being left for a number of weeks unmanned we obviously have the situation of generators running early in the morning and evenings, sadly when the weather was warm and balmy my neighbours couldn't sit out due to the noise and smell and pollution these boats were causing which you witnessed the day you came, which then led to me contacting you due to their stress in this situation !

When we moved in about 12 years ago you so kindly put these signs up to prevent this from happening as we used to have a lot of unsightly, unsociable, and very noisy boats stopped opposite our property who also used to leave a lot of mess on the tow path. Sadly I feel that the post was moved in the wrong direction and potentially should have been moved 50meters toward Devizes and past the corner to allow less noise to us but also more room for traffic to flow more freely,

Thanks for your attention in this matter and I hope this email explains our situation and how we feel, we look forward to a resolution in this matter.

#### Email from Devizes Angling Club

I had a Committee meeting of the Devizes Angling Club last night and one of the items raised at the meeting was the large number of Live on Boats now coming into the Devizes area. The general opinion was that they believe they can get away from the rules and regulations on mooring being applied from Bath to Devizes.

I need to look in more detail at the situation on the 15 miles of the K & A which we control either by lease with CRT or own and come back to you. The one area that is of most concern to ourselves and I believe an increasing number of Boat owners is the ever increasing number of Boats, mainly Live ins who moor for 14 days or more in the Town Pounds, both above and below Devizes when they can moor in the Wharf area in Devizes. Last Sunday we tried to fish a competition in the Town Pounds but we were not able to do so with some 15 boats moored all the way down to the CRT Office, some boats in the Black Horse Pound were double moored. I always had the understanding that the Pounds were used in the main for Boaters wishing to go up and down the Flight with a short mooring time before entering the Flight. If this situation continues there will be a mooring shortage for normal canal traffic. The only fair way forward in our opinion would be for the Pounds to become a maximum of 24 hour mooring giving every canal user reasonable access. I would request that this proposal be given urgent consideration and confirm that I did raise my concerns at the Partnership meeting about this growing problem and the latest events on Sunday only added to the problem.