

Charity Number: 1173704

Erewash Canal Association

Papers for the 2026 Annual General Meeting

including Trustee Report and Accounts
For the Accounting year ended 31 March 2026



Thursday 21st May 2026
at 7:30pm

Please bring this with you to the meeting,
copies may not be available on the day.

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This AGM booklet contains the Agenda for the meeting together with details of any motions that will be considered.

Please bring it with you to the meeting: replacement copies will **NOT** be available on the day.

If you are unable to attend you can name someone to vote on your behalf using the Proxy Voting form at the end of this booklet. **Please note:** Only complete the details asked for and return the Proxy Voting form addressed to the Secretary, clearly marked 'Proxy Vote', in a sealed envelope to the ECP&DA Registered Office at least 48 hours before the meeting, or email it to: secretary@ecpda.org.uk

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**Notice of
Annual General Meeting
of
Erewash Canal Association**

will be held at
Sandiacre Lock Cottages
Lock Lane Sandiacre
Ng10 5LA

on
**Thursday 21st May 2026
at 7:30pm**

Signed
Sue Swain
Association Secretary

Dated 16th April 2026

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting can
appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his or her behalf.
Forms are at the back of this booklet.

Agenda

- 1 Welcome by the President
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Approval of the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Accountant's report
- 6 Approval of Accounts
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Agenda Items

Agenda item 1

The President will give a brief 'Welcome' address.

Agenda item 2

The Secretary will mention apologies received from members unable to attend and note new apologies conveyed by members present.

Agenda item 3

The Chairman will propose that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025 are accepted as a true record of the meeting. The minutes are printed on pages 14-18

Agenda Item 4

The Chairman will report on the work of the Trustees and external events concerning and of interest to members about the running of the Association.

Agenda item 5

The Accountant's report, there is a summary of accounts on pages 8 to 11

Agenda item 6

The Treasurer will propose that the Statement of Accounts for the period ended on 31 March 2026 as submitted to the meeting are approved subject to verification by external accountants.

Agenda Item 7

Appointment of Tellers

The Chairman will propose that the President and another member of his choice count the votes. The membership will be asked to approve the proposal by a show of hands.

Agenda item 8

Trustees

Two Trustees (one third) are standing down as set out in our Constitution.

Safeguarding Mrs D Stenson
Publicity Mr P. King

Agenda item 9

Appointment of Trustees

There are two candidates standing for re-election

Mrs D. Stenson

Mr P. King

Both candidates have been correctly proposed and seconded

Appointment of Trustees

There are no other candidates standing for election.

To show your support for these members, who are making a commitment to give their time and effort to help run your Association you can vote for all of them.

Agenda item 10

Appointment of External Accountants. It is proposed that we engage Community Accounting Plus for the year 2026/27. (Proposed by: Seconded by: Show of hands required.)

Date and venue of the next Annual General Meeting

It is proposed that the 2026 AGM will be held on 20^h May 2027 at Sandiacre Lock Cottages at 7:30 pm

Statement of Accounts for ECP&DA year ended 31 March 2026

Income		Restricted Funds	Balance
MOORINGS	13239.56		
MEMBERSHIP	1386		
AWCC	75		
SANDIACRE	5464.76	2300	
CLUB 70	355		
MERCHANDISE	118		
COTTAGE RAFFLE	102		
DONATION	16240.86		
ELECTRIC	310		
SANTA	54		
EVENT	1353.15		
MEMBERS MEAL	441.3		
<u>Total</u>	<u>39139.63</u>	<u>2300</u>	<u>41439.63</u>
Expenditure			
AWCC	-91.5		
SANDIACRE	-2496.36	-2199.8	
LANGLEY MILL	-893.35	-1472.79	
CLUB 70	-195		
ADMIN	-4371		
FUNDRAISING	-1766.57		

Statement of Accounts for ECP&DA year ended 31 March 2026

Overheads

RENT CRT	-6420
EREWASH BC	-174.78
STW LANGLEY MILL	-649.08
EON NEXT SANDIARE	-471.84
E ON NET PUMPING STATION	-640.56
EON NEXT LANGLEY MILL	-663.28
EON NEXT WORKSOP	-812.9
INSURANCE	-5237.38
BANK CHARGES	-79.91
BANK TRANSFER	-7576.92

Statement of Accounts for ECP&DA year ended 31 March 2026

Note:

Donations include £15,381.45 from legacy - £15,000 was transferred into the savings account.

Also includes Gift Aid

£22423.08 was paid into the bank account from Mansfield Building Society and £20000 was subsequently transferred to the HSBC savings account

£5000 was transferred from the savings account to the current account

Admin includes fees and licences, outlook and paper /stamps/printing/towpath ads Sandiacre – Santa payments also in income Payments include electrical work and new bench from restricted payments

Fundraising includes the Xmas meal costs and HODS expenditure

Langley Mill expenditure includes the new mower and strimmer and upgrades to the tollhouse.

HSBC Current Account	7103.47
HSBC Savings Account	78119.66
Mansfield Building Society	0
<u>Total Holdings</u>	<u>£85223.13</u>

Restricted Funds held (part of above total)

Sandiacre	£369
Langley Mill	£297.13
Health and Safety	£1285.35

Total **£1951.48**

Please note these are provisional accounts only and will be externally audited.

Statement of Accounts for ECP&DA year ended 31 March 2026

Assets Retained by the Charity			
Pentland	2150		
Pump	5900		
Ride on mower	250		
woodchipper	1300		
Dumper truck	300		
Sandiacre Cottages	65000		
L M Cottage	27000		

Geri Martin

Trustee and Treasurer for ECP&DA



End of 2026 Agenda



Minutes of 2025 AGM

Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1173704
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on 12th June 2025

Agenda item 1

Glyn Stenson (Interim Chairman) welcomed those present to the 2025 Annual General Meeting. Following the death of Norman Cornwell, the ECP&DA Chairman for the last 10 years, Ian Jameison read out a tribute and eulogy to Norman on behalf of the president Mike Harrison, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda item 2 – Apologies for absence

Present: 26 which included 5 Trustees

Apologies for absence: 9 apologies were received which included the President. There were five proxy voters.

Agenda item 3 – Agreement of the Minutes from the previous AGM

The minutes from the 2024 AGM had been circulated to all the members prior to the meeting. The Interim Chairman asked for someone to propose that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Geri Martin and seconded by Paul King. This was carried unanimously by a show of hands from the members present.

Item 4 - Constitution Updates

Constitution updates including the adoption of a 'working name' had been circulated to the members prior to the AGM. The updates to the constitution had been approved by the Trustees, and the 'working name' had been voted for by a majority of the members prior to the AGM.

The Interim Chairman asked that these changes be approved and accepted. This was Proposed by Judy Berry and Seconded by Dorothy Stenson. The updates and the change to a working name was carried unanimously by a show of hands from the members present.

Item 5 Interim Chairmans report.

Following the sudden death of the Associations Chairman, Norman Cornwell, Jude Berry in her capacity as vice Chair throughout the AGM

period, has compiled this joint Chairman and Membership report, using their own words from a variety of reports they provided throughout the year.

In Memory

During the year, it was with great sadness the Association learnt of the deaths of its President Jim Stevenson, John Nixey who had been the Association's Vice Chair until 2022 and also Joe Sowerby, a regular work party member. A ceremony was held in July at Langley Mill Boatyard to unveil trees and plaques in memory of Val Roberts and John Baylis. Members and Trustees of both the ECP&DA and the FCC attended.

The Association was very pleased that Mike Harrison, who has long been connected to the ECP&DA, agreed to be its new President.

Preservation and Maintenance

Refurbishment took place in the upstairs meeting room at Sandiacre Lock Cottages making it easier to configure depending on usage, either by the Association or by schools and other visiting groups. Friday work parties continued improving the general quality of the canal for boaters and for towpath users. Langley Mill Cottage underwent an extensive repaint with additional work carried out at the pumphouse and workshop. A grant of £2,910 was received from CRT's Waterway Community Fund, to be used to purchase equipment and for training purposes. The work parties also supported the Friends of the Cromford Canal with their Beggarlee Extension restoration work.

Public and Member Engagement

With the exception of July, monthly meetings were held for the members, some at Sandiacre Lock Cottages and some through Zoom conferencing. 5 Trustee meetings were held during the year as well as 3 Strategy meetings. 9 Navigator Newsletters were sent to those members with email addresses and all members received a copy of the Outlook magazine published 3 times a year. The ECP&DA stand was taken to the Sawley Marina Open Day in May and in August, Norman and Shirley represented the ECP&DA at the 60th anniversary of the AWCC which was

hosted by Lichfield Cruising Club. Sue Mottershead gave a BBQ at her home in July, a joint event for members of both the ECP&DA and Long Eaton Boat Club. Pentland and the ECP&DA stand attended the very successful Inland Heritage Port Festival in Shardlow in September. The Harrington Arms at Sawley provided the venue for the members' Christmas meal with the Great Northern Public House at Langley Mill hosting the work party Christmas meal. At Sandiacre Lock Cottages in March this year, there was a revival of the Pie and Pea and music weekend for members and their guests

Fund Raising and Donations

Donations from members and the public were received throughout the year which included talks given by Sandiacre Lock Cottages' volunteers. Sue's BBQ, the monthly meetings at Sandiacre Lock Cottages and all the Christmas events provided opportunities to raise funds as did the attendance at the Shardlow Inland Port Festival. Although the person concerned was unknown to the Association, a donation of £40k was made to the ECP&DA in a gentleman's will.

Summary

With some members not renewing their memberships and, sadly with some passing on, it has become even more important to increase the number of Association members. Although currently in a good position financially, the ECP&DA is under no illusion regarding the financial difficulties facing Canal & River Trust and the effect this could have on the future of the Erewash Canal. The ECP&DA is reliant upon its members and volunteers and Norman and Shirley would wish to thank all those who are Trustees, work party members, Sandiacre Lock Cottage volunteers and all those members and friends who support the Association in their various way. Thank you for all your hard work.

Appointment of external accountants

It is proposed that we engage Community Accounting Plus for the year 2025/26.

This was proposed by Paul Sharpe and seconded by Judy Berry.

Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Officers and Trustees

Two Trustees (one third) are standing down as set out in our constitution.

Safeguarding – Dorothy Stenson

Health & Safety Vivienne Kilbourne

Appointment of Trustees:

There is one candidate standing for re-election

Dorothy Stenson - Safeguarding

19 for - 4 against – 8 abstentions. Dorothy was duly elected

Candidates standing for Election:

Sue Swain – 30 for – 1 abstention

Judy Berry – 30 for - 1 abstention

Doug Swain – 31 for

Shirley Cornwell – 31 for

All were duly elected to the position of Trustee

Officer Appointments:

There is one nomination for each position:

Doug Swain Chair – Proposed by Paul King seconded by Carol Golds
26 for – 5 abstentions

Glyn Stenson Vice chair – Proposed by Carol Golds, seconded by
Paul Sharpe

17 for – 5 against – 9 abstentions

Sue Swain Secretary proposed by Carol Golds, seconded by Paul King

27 for – 4 abstentions

Geri Martin Treasurer Proposed by Zoe Cockcroft, seconded by Glyn Stenson

17 for – 8 against – 6 abstentions

All nominees were duly elected as officers.

Date and venue of 2026 AGM

It is proposed that the 2026 AGM will be held on 14th May 2026 at Sandiacre Lock Cottages at 7.30pm

Proxy Form Notes:

(Pursuant to sub-clauses 11.7a-h of The Constitution of Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association (ECP&DA) a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)).

The Proxy form must be returned by email or post at least 48 hours before the Annual General Meeting in a sealed envelope addressed to:

SECRETARY (PROXY VOTE)
130 Derby Road
Langley Mill
Nottingham
NG16 4AA

Alternatively you can email the completed form to the Secretary:
secretary@ecpda.org.uk

Email or Post in good time to arrive by **midday on
Tuesday 19th May 2026**

Any alterations to this form should be initialled.

Please note: Only complete the details asked for on the form. Any additional information added to the proxy form such as names of candidates to vote for will **VOID** your Proxy form.

You should specifically tell your proxy who you want him / her to vote for, (you can identify your specific candidate choices on a separate attached sheet or email), otherwise, your proxy has the freedom to make their own choice on your behalf, including not voting at all.

If you use a proxy form to vote, you may still attend the AGM. Inform the desk when you sign-in that you have registered a proxy vote and it will be revoked.

Form Of Proxy

Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS if you cannot attend to vote in person at the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 21st May at 7:30pm** at Sandiacre Lock Cottages, Lock Lane, Sandiacre, NG10 5LA

I (*Print your name*)

of (*Address*)

..... Post Code

being a member of Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association, **I hereby appoint:**

.....
(*Enter person's name*)

being a member of Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association, **or failing him/her:**

.....
(*Enter Other Name as appropriate*)

being a member of Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association, **as my Proxy, to vote on my behalf at the AGM of the Association to be held on Thursday 21st May 2026 or at any adjournment thereof.**

Signed
(Your Name)

Print Name

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