

Canal Towpath Adoption

by Shrewley Towpath Volunteers



Lindsay Darwen's application for a local group of volunteers to adopt a section of the Grand Union Canal, between bridges 60 and 57, has been completed. Anybody who picks up a bit of litter is a de facto member of this group if they tell Lindsay, who reports back to C&RT on a weekly basis. Our new C&RT contact, André Batchelor, has been very helpful, resulting in the following recent developments.

1. Four signs provided by C&RT have appeared on the towpath, two on either side of the tunnel, announcing the adoption by Shrewley Towpath Volunteers.
2. Litter picking by the group now takes place regularly, at least once a week and we have noticed an interesting decline in the amount of litter needing to be picked. Cans and bottles are cleaned and recycled.
3. C&RT have at last confirmed that they own the path from Shrewley Common to the east end of Shrewley Tunnel (known locally as "the Boat Road"), and are responsible for its maintenance.
4. A NO PARKING sign has appeared next to the parking area at the end of the Boat Road. Also, a NO ACCESS for unauthorised vehicles sign is due to appear at the entrance to the Boat Road.
5. The steps leading into the foot tunnel west of Shrewley Common have been cleaned and repainted at the edges.
6. The dangerous channel in that path, caused by recent storms, is scheduled for repair, which we have been told is a difficult job.
7. Signs directing walkers from Shrewley Common to the canal will soon be appearing on both sides of the road.

