

Christleton to Tattenhall Towpath Project

11th June 2025 – via Zoom.

PRESENT

Canal River Trust – David George, Rebecca Mason.

Christleton Parish Council – John Beckitt.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council – Paul Kerr, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Waverton Parish Council – Richard Moulds.

Purpose of Meeting: To agree specification process for Towpath Project

David George introduced himself confirming he covered the north and that most of the projects he manages are towpath improvements.

It was confirmed the ambition is to improve the towpath to create a shared use path from the boundary with Great Boughton to Tattenhall and ultimately to Beeston.

Christleton

It was reported that some temporary repairs have been done to the towpath in Christleton. The project is to widen and resurface the path to create a safer route for pupils to Christleton High School to use as such this is a heavy footfall stretch of the towpath. It was highlighted that more children from Huntington are going to Christleton High School and are using the Towpath.

Waverton

It was noted the Christleton towpath surfacing extends to Egg Bridge (119) after that the towpath is compacted earth with stone in various locations.

Surfacing

It was noted that different surfacing options are available including Ultitrec, which has been used on the path by the Countess of Chester Hospital. David George confirmed he has not used Ultitrec on any projects to date but had used both bitumen and self-binding stone paths usually with a golden finish which suits a more rural location.

Tattenhall

It was confirmed Tattenhall's ambition is to create a route which can be used by pedestrians or cyclists to link Chester to the Ice Cream Farm and Beeston.

It was noted the towpath is currently unsurfaced and is often impassable during the winter months and becomes very rutted.

It was noted that there are plans to reestablish a railway station at Beeston which will have bus links from surrounding villages.

Project Title

It was agreed the project needs a good title which can be used to promote the scheme. Suggestions included Rural Cheshire Way. It was agreed to share ideas.

Funding

It was noted the design work will cost £10k to just beyond Tattenhall Marina and an additional £5k to Beeston.

It was noted the Canal River Trust is providing £5k and the remaining £5k is being provided by CW&C Cllrs Parker and Williams who are providing £1250 each and Cllr Jones who has agreed £2500.

Process

It was agreed that Rebecca Mason will organise purchase order/ invoice to be sent the Clerk.

Once funding has been received David George will arrange meetings in the different areas with stakeholders. Once that has been completed, he will begin the process of measuring and photographing the towpath and drawing up the scheme.

It was noted some of the area is in Hargrave & Huxley Parish Council area. The Clerk confirmed that she had already contacted all the Parish Councils along the route to make them aware of the project, in the future there will need to be a meeting with all the Councils to get their support and help promote the project.

It was discussed that extending the technical plan to Beeston would create a route which would be much easier to market.

CW&C Local Plan

It was agreed to seek to promote the route as part of the emerging CW&C Local Plan.

Cycling

It was agreed the towpath project is not a cycle path initiative and will not be promoted as such.

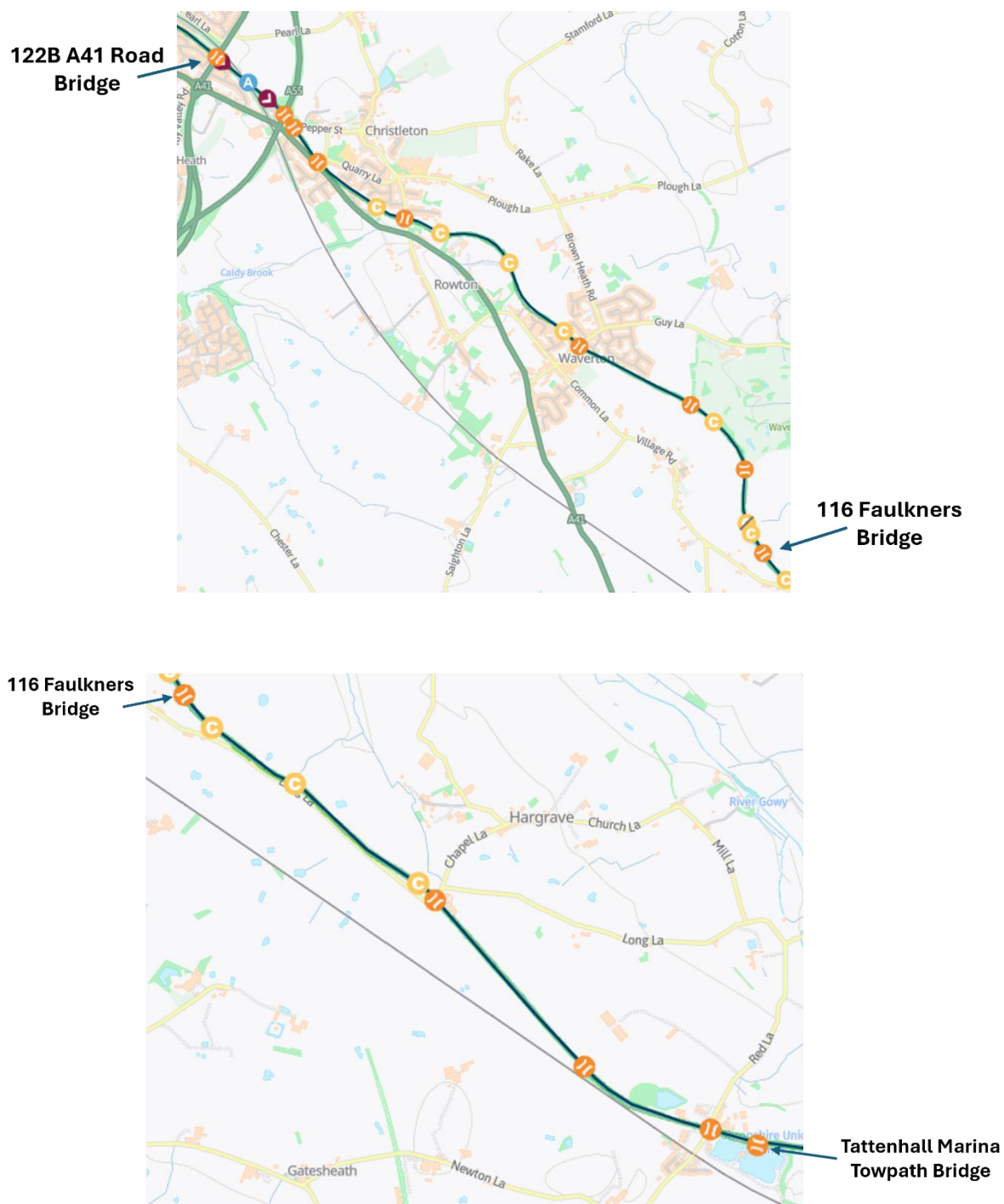
Route & Contacts

Parish	From Bridge:	To Bridge:	Distance	
	Area covered by £10k Project		KM	Miles
Christleton Parish Council John Beckitt	122B A41 Road Bridge	Christleton A55 Bridge	0.75	0.46
	Christleton A55 Bridge	122 Trooper Bridge	0.1	0.06
	122 Trooper Bridge	121 Quarry Bridge	0.27	0.17
	121 Quarry Bridge	120 Rowton Bridge	0.7	0.43
	120 Rowton Bridge	119 Egg Bridge	1.5	0.92
Waverton Parish Council Richard Mould	119 Egg Bridge	118 Davies Bridge	0.84	0.52
	118 Davies Bridge	117 Salmons Bridge	0.57	0.35
	117 Salmons Bridge	116 Faulkners Bridge	0.6	0.37
	116 Faulkners Bridge	115 Golden Nook Bridge	1.8	1.12
Tattenhall & District Parish Council ¹ Ann Wright	115 Golden Nook Bridge	114 Nixon's Bridge	1.2	0.75
	114 Nixon's Bridge	113 Crow's Nest Bridge	0.78	0.48
	113 Crow's Nest Bridge	Tattenhall Marina Towpath Bridge	0.27	0.17
	Tattenhall Marina Towpath Bridge	112 Dutton's Bridge	0.58	0.36
	Area to Beeston			
	112 Dutton's Bridge	111 Williamson's Bridge	1.17	0.73
	111 Williamson's Bridge	110 Dale's Bridge	1.2	0.75
	110 Dale's Bridge	109 Bate's Mill Bridge	0.72	0.45
	109 Bate's Mill Bridge	108 Wharton's Bridge	0.58	0.36

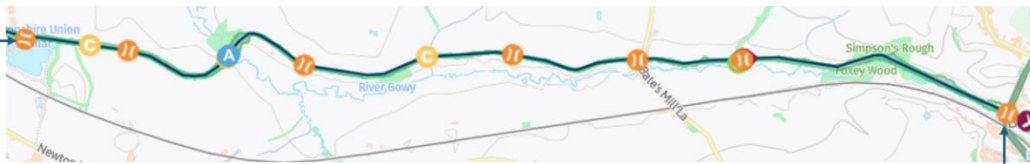
¹ Includes Hargrave & Huxley Parish Council

	108 Wharton's Bridge	107 Beeston Brook Bridge	1.58	0.98
	Beyond Beeston			
	107 Beeston Brook Bridge	106 Tilstone Mill Bridge	1.62	1.00
	106 Tilstone Mill Bridge	105a Railway Bridge	1.0	0.62
	105a Railway Bridge	105 Bunbury Lock Bridge	0.16	0.10
		Total distance	17.99	11.15

Maps showing bridge locations

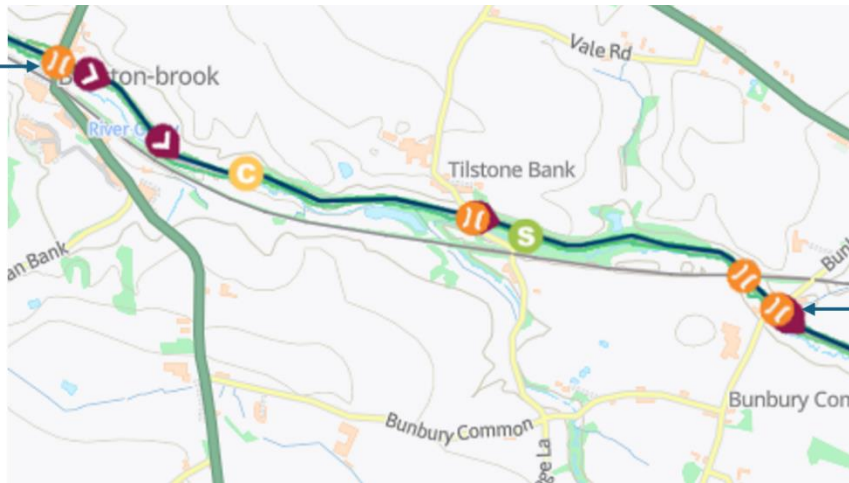


Tattenhall Marina
Towpath Bridge



107 Beeston Brook
Bridge

Bridge 107
Beeston Brook
Road



Bridge 105
Bunbury Lock
Bridge

Map Key

	Bridge
	Aqueduct
	Culvert
	Locks
	Sluice

Ann Wright
11/06/2025