

November 15th 2018



Announcement

The Board of Trustees welcomes Brian Stovold, former Vice Chair as Chair of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, following Roderick Bluh's decision to step down after 3 years as Chair with effect from November 15.

Rod will remain on the Board as a Trustee.

As Rod indicated at the recent AGM, he is preparing for a relocation away from the UK, and we are all grateful he can commit to staying on the Board for the time being to continue to give the Trust the benefit of his experience of local and national government and his knowledge of the Swindon Town Centre story.

The Trustees and the Executive would like to thank Rod on behalf of all the Trust for his work over the last three years.

Significant achievements include guiding the Trust through the re-organisation in 2016 and 2017 which has given the Trust the professional and compliant management structure we have today. The work to resolve the financial challenges faced by the Trust, most notably on the Studley Grange project over runs, together with the Swindon Town Centre liaison work with Swindon Borough Council have been time consuming priorities during Rod's time in office: however, Rod always found time to support all types Branch and Team activities, an example being helping out on Dragonfly Santa Trips.

Brian has agreed to Chair the Trust for six months while the Board recruits a Chair with the relevant and appropriate external experience.

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