



## 28th Basingstoke Canal Challenge

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The Basingstoke Canal Challenge is to paddle 3, 6 or 8 miles in the fastest possible time.

The event will start at **Colt Hill (Odiham Wharf), Odiham (RG29 1AL, MR 747516 sheet 186 or Explorer 144)**. *Please arrive with plenty of time to sort out your equipment and check in –ideally 30 minutes before your anticipated start time.* The start times will be between between 9 and 10 a.m. (6 and 8 miles) and 10 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. for 3 miles. The event will finish at the same place by 2 p.m. Each entrant will be timed over their chosen distance, and the emphasis is as a personal challenge rather than a race. Both single and double canoes and kayaks are eligible.

**This year there will be a portable chemical toilet available for use, and a BBQ selling burgers.**

All competitors are encouraged to seek sponsorship in aid of the charity 'Accessible Boating'.

The entry fee is £3.00 per seat if paid in advance - **£5.00 if paid on the day**. After expenses have been deducted all entry fees will be donated to 'Accessible Boating' and donations will also be accepted and given to the charity. Last year we raised £312.72 and since 1998 we have raised a total of £12,079.02.

Certificates will be presented to all those completing the challenge, and a Group trophy will be awarded to the Group having the 4 fastest paddlers over the 6 mile course - based on the elapsed time of their 4<sup>th</sup> placed paddler - irrespective of the distance paddled by that competitor. The qualifying paddlers must be composed of 1 Adult, 1 Explorer and 2 Scouts; although an Explorer may take the place of an adult, and a Scout may take the place of either an adult or Explorer. Explorer Scouts may be part of the group to which they previously belonged, or now have a relationship.

A special trophy, Paul's Paddle, will be awarded to the fastest Warranted Scouter over the 6 mile course.

At each distance, medals will be presented to:

- the first three Scouts / Guides (under 15 on the day) paddling a General Purpose canoe
- the first three Explorer Scouts (under 18 on the day) paddling a General Purpose canoe
- and, if different, the first placed boat irrespective of age of paddler or type of boat.

#### Rules :

1. Buoyancy aids must be worn by all competitors.
2. All paddlers must have support (with spare clothes, food, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit etc.), either on the bank or on the water. Details of suitable meeting places will be available at the start.
3. Parental consent is required for all paddlers under 18 - see entry form.
4. A separate entry form is required for each paddler, even if paddling tandem.
5. All craft must be covered by a British Canoeing membership or Canal licence.
6. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify anyone they believe to be inappropriately supported or equipped on the day.
7. The marshals are to be obeyed at all times.
8. Anyone who, based on their progress on the outward leg, appears that they will not finish by 2 p.m. will be asked to withdraw from the competition.
9. Competitors should check in with their boats when ready to launch.

Please complete the entry form (copy more if required) and return with entry fee to:

Janella Mansell, 5 The Drive, Oakley, Basingstoke, Hants. RG23 7DA

Landline 01256 780334 / Mobile 07771 622192 e-mail [janella.mansell@gmail.com](mailto:janella.mansell@gmail.com)



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Scout Group \_\_\_\_\_

Group Contact (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of paddler \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Boat type (K2, Slalom etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to enter the Basingstoke Canal Challenge

*	<b>Distance</b>	3 miles	6 miles	8 miles	
*	<b>Class</b>	Scout / Guide GP Canoe (under 15)	Explorer GP Canoe (under 18)	Other	Warranted Scouter
*	<b>Canal licence</b>	BC membership sticker or card	Basingstoke Canal licence	I enclose £3.00 for an event licence.	
*	Please cross one box on each line.				

I enclose the entry fee of £3.00. **(£5.00 if paid on the day).**

I would like to make a donation of :        £

If want this donation to benefit from Gift aid, please complete the details on the sponsorship form.

Please make all cheques payable to 'HCSC'

**To be completed by all paddlers:**

I appreciate the nature of the Basingstoke Canal Challenge, and have the personal competence to cope with it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by a parent / guardian of paddlers under 18 on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

I appreciate the nature of the Basingstoke Canal Challenge for which my son/daughter/ward is entering and agree that he/she may take part.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# *Basingstoke Canal - and other waterways*

The Basingstoke Canal and many other waterways require users to hold a licence to use the canal.

The British Canoeing Waterways licence covers use of the Basingstoke Canal in addition to many other canals and rivers. This is provided as a membership benefit of British Canoeing.

The Scout Association has a unique agreement with British Canoeing where Scouts can get many British Canoeing benefits at member rates. This extended to the British Canoeing Waterways licence which is available for affiliated club boats. These licences may be purchased at the club rate of £10 per boat obtainable from Customer Services of British Canoeing - stating they are for members of the Scout Association.

The Basingstoke Canal licence is available from the canal authority at a cost of £3 for one day, £12 for one week or £50 for an annual licence. The Canal Authority now have a patrol boat which will be used to go out on the canal and check all boat licences.

These licences may be purchased from the Canal Authority in person or through their website.

## References

Canal authority licence details :

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/basingstokecanal/onthewater/unpowered>

Scout Association Factsheet on Canal and River Licences (FS120617) :

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/fs120617>

Canoe England waters covered by their waterways licence :

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/waterways-environment/access/licensing-arrangements/>

British Canoeing address :

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National Water Sports Centre  
Adbolton Lane  
Holme Pierrepont  
Nottingham  
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