

Bridgewater Canal Watch Minutes

Tuesday 9th December 2025

A meeting took place at Lymm Cruising Club on Tuesday 9th December 2025. There were thirteen members in attendance and one apology was received.

Minutes of the last meeting on September 9th 2025 were accepted as a true record, and there were no matters arising from these.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that it had been very quiet with very few complaints.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the treasurer it was reported that there was no change in the account and £479.36 still remains.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had not received any information since last meeting, but reported she had sent two emails to the police regarding the meeting and had not had any replies.

Incidents / Reports

No reports had been received from the police but a member reported that a body was recovered from the canal in Castlefield. There were no suspicious circumstances.

The coffer dams erected at the breach near Agden had yet again been vandalised and water had been seen coming through the walls and had been reported. Work on the earth dams would hopefully be completed soon and further repair work could start.

Reports of a speed boat being put in the canal at top locks and speeding around the area. In the Sale area it was reported that speeding boats were causing moored boats to be set free and drifting on canal, and damage being caused along their moorings. Also a number of electric bikes speeding on the towpath with no thought / consideration for pedestrians and riding fast through puddles and splashing the walkers and the pushchairs. Concerns about a hole in the fence along towpath was reported as a hazard with child safety in mind.

In the Worsley area it was reported that inspectors were about checking for boaters that were not adhering to the smokeless fuel rules and that they may receive fines (up to £300) for being moored up and emitting a substantial amount of smoke from a chimney. You must only burn authorised fuels.

It was reported that a number of coping stones in various areas were damaged and coming loose.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-10pm.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday March 10th 2026 AGM 7-30pm

Please note this is the AGM meeting anyone wishing to stand for Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary could you please contact secretary 07801 747741 before March 2nd with details. Many Thanks.