

**C1 – C1B Improving Access to Cromford Canal**

<b>Project Summary</b>	To improve access for all along the Cromford Canal.	
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Derbyshire County Council	
<b>Partners</b>	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Friends of the Cromford Canal	
<b>Location</b>	Cromford Canal	
<b>Duration of project</b>	April 2014 – March 2017 Yrs:1-3	
<b>Total cost of project</b>	£132,334.00	
<b>Volunteer time</b>	-	
<b>In-kind time</b>	-	
<b>Outputs</b>	<p>Original target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The improvements of a 8 km canal towpath at Cromford - 4km of actual works</li> </ul>	<p>Achieved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.68km works to towpath enabling 8km of towpath improvements.</li> </ul>
<b>Headlines/added value</b>	The work enhanced access for walkers, cyclists, pushchair and wheelchair users, providing a 2.5m width route along a 450m stretch of canal linking the Cromford canal winding hole opposite Lea Wood pump house to the Visitor Centre at High Peak Junction.	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<p>Following a consultation to establish what types of information people would like to have on arrival and how they would like it presented, the consensus of those involved (FoCC, DWT, DCC) is to replace the current traditional style interpretation boards with more visual orientation boards and notice boards where activity/event posters can be displayed. The Arkwright Society have already started with this approach and as part of their reinterpretation package for visitor experience. A project and design brief will be developed once the consultation is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A2 The delivery of <i>significant, long lasting improvements</i> to the condition (and extent where appropriate) of priority sites and features, and hence to the landscape character</li> <li>C1 <i>Improved physical access</i> to the area and its heritage, particularly in ways which discourage car use and promote physical activity</li> </ul>	