

The Role

We are the navigation authority for the rivers Wye and Lugg. Our vision for these rivers is:

to develop and promote appropriate navigation and recreational activities for all river users, whilst protecting, maintaining and enhancing the unique conservation status of the river.

Our key objectives are to:

- protect, maintain and enhance the unique conservation status of the waterway;
- manage, improve and enhance navigation opportunities for the waterway;
- protect the interests of those navigating and using the principal rivers;
- encourage the appropriate use and enjoyment of the waterway by walkers, anglers and other recreational users;
- promote better access and information for canoeists, rafters and small craft;
- review facility provision and service delivery on the Rivers Wye and Lugg;
- contribute to enhanced biodiversity, heritage and landscape value in the waterway;
- develop the health, economic and social benefits of navigation, to the advantage of everyone.

We will aim to achieve these objectives in an appropriately managed way that contributes to the outstanding qualities of these rivers, is socially inclusive, sustainable and protective of their environment.

To help us achieve these aims we have a statutory advisory committee, which draws representatives from a broad range of interests to advise us on our management of navigation .

To be the chair of our committee you will need to be able to:

- chair meetings effectively and efficiently, bringing together all views and drawing out the full participation of all committee members and Environment Agency officers to ensure balanced and constructive debate plus summarising conclusions and actions;
- understand and recognise our statutory duties and work within the terms of reference and the standing orders of the committee;
- recognise the expertise and knowledge of the members of the Committee, ensure all views are heard and that balanced advice provided. Provide leadership and personal skills necessary to enable the committee to work effectively;
- ensure that the Committee's Agenda is pre-planned and well balanced;
- be aware of wider public concerns and sensitive issues;
- develop good working relations with Environment Agency staff, whilst maintaining an independent view.