

**LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Do not complete the Application Form until you have read the Grant Awarding Policy and believe that you comply with it.

By making the application you are giving consent for the information to be shared with Councillors and the public

When you have completed this form please send it to:  
The Town Clerk, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard PL14 6BW

Name of Applicant / Organisation	CARADON HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP Canal Lock 21 Project
Person to contact Position Held	Peter Murnaghan Project co-ordinator
How are you funded?	See attached
What benefits will your project give to the town, visibly or in the Community? Who in the Town will benefit?	See attached

12 AUG 2019

Woodhill Manor,  
Liskeard  
PL14 6RD

10th August 2019

Dear Steve,

**Grant Application for Canal Lock 21 Project,  
Caradon Heritage Partnership**

I have prepared the attached Application Form for a grant towards the cost of tree clearance and de-vegetation at the old canal lock between Moorswater and Lodge Farm level crossing.

After a long and frustrating time, trying to obtain permission from Network Rail to allow tree clearance, we have now cleared their hurdles and have been allocated a slot between 26th October and 3rd November to do the work. We have engaged a tree surgeon to fell the trees and a band of volunteers will then work on the site to clear the undergrowth and vegetation.

The total cost of this project will be £2,000 and I am applying for a grant from the Town Council of £1,000. I have provided a little more information than would fit onto the form on a separate sheet. In addition, not part of the application, is a Situation report from June, for your information.

I would be happy to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee to present this application and answer any questions, if this was felt to be useful.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Murnaghan

Mr Steve Vinson,  
Town Clerk  
Liskeard Town Council

A brief description of your project	See attached
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p><del>YES</del> / NO</p> <p>(a) When (Date)</p> <p>(b) Amount received £</p>
<p>What is the total cost of your Project?</p> <p>What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support?</p> <p>How is the difference to be funded?</p>	<p>The Council cannot fund the normal ongoing operating costs of organisations. This application should not contain such costs.</p> <p>Cost of tree surgeon £1,500</p> <p>Safety equipment, First Aid, PPE, welfare &amp; incidentals including insurance. <u>500</u></p> <p>Total cost £2,000</p> <p>Sought from Liskeard TC £1,000</p> <p>Difference to be sought from Community Chest &amp; other fundraising</p>
Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	<p>Please do <b>not</b> sign your name in this box.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Date 10 August 2019</p>

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE COPY OF THE ORGANISATIONS ACCOUNTS**

**Grant Application - Canal Lock 21 Project**  
**Additional information**

How are you funded?	<p>Caradon Heritage Partnership was established in 2013, following the conclusion of the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project. The Partnership currently holds some residual funding, which is earmarked for the development of a new website, together with income from the sale of books on the Liskeard &amp; Caradon Railway. A seedcorn loan from the booksales has been made to the Canal Lock 21 Project, which otherwise has no funding of its own. The Partnership is willing to hold funds for the Canal Lock 21 Project and make payments on its behalf. All money accrued and spent by the Canal Lock 21 Project will be accounted for separately from the main Partnership account.</p>
What benefits will your project bring to the Town?	<p>A new heritage asset will be developed, appealing to school groups, visitors and local people with an interest in Liskeard's history, at an economic cost, through the use of local conservation volunteers.</p> <p>Pre-dating the railway, the Liskeard &amp; Looe Union Canal (1828-1860) was important in developing trading links in the Looe Valley and the restored Canal Lock 21 will be the key feature to illustrate this brief, but successful, era in the town's transport link.</p> <p>The proposed Liskeard to Looe Cycle Trail will pass Lock 21 and this artefact will provide a key point of interest to users of the trail, when it opens.</p>
A brief description of your project	<p>Canal Lock 21, between Moorswater and Lodge Farm level crossing is the only dry lock remaining on the former Liskeard &amp; Looe Union Canal and is visible both from the railway line and the adjacent public road. However, over the years, tree growth has obscured this important local heritage structure and started to cause damage to its stonework.</p> <p>After many years of fruitless endeavour, Network Rail have now agreed to provide access for a week in late October to enable this clearance work to be undertaken. This is a vital opportunity for the damaging tree growth to be removed by a qualified tree surgeon, after which local volunteers will clear undergrowth, vegetation and spoil, and undertake repairs to the stonework of the lock chamber.</p> <p>This clearance of the old Lock will reveal a unique heritage asset dating from before the arrival of the railway. Liskeard is fortunate to have a remnant of the canal era, which was rare in Cornwall, and this will be the first recognisable canal artefact on this transport corridor. It will complement the town's rich heritage interest for visitors to the town and local people alike.</p>

# Transactions

## Caradon Heritage Partners

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Available balance <a href="#">?</a>	£1,224.48
Last night's balance <a href="#">?</a>	£1,224.48
Overdraft limit	£0.00

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Date	Description	Money In	Money Out	Balance
13/12/2018	100009		-£143.87	£1,224.48
13/11/2018	100008		-£10.00	£1,368.35
11/10/2018	100007		-£200.00	£1,378.35
09/10/2018	100006		-£10.00	£1,578.35
14/08/2018	100005		-£10.50	£1,588.35

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# Liskeard & Looe Union Canal 1828 - 1860 - Canal Lock 21 Project

Situation report - June 2019

*This is an occasional update for supporters of the Canal Lock 21 restoration project*

The 32 year life of the Liskeard & Looe Union Canal started quietly enough. But the copper boom on Caradon Hill put pressure on this transport artery between Moorswater and Terras Bridge. Such was the demand to transport copper ore and granite to the sea port and coal and lime inland for the mines and farmers, that a new transport link was needed; a through railway link that extended the Caradon railway down to Looe.

It was this replacement railway that both killed off the canal, at a stroke in 1860, but also saved it from completely disappearing like other former canals 'up country'. Why was this? Because the railway company built the railway alongside the canal and both ended up within the land holding of the railway. Through the L&LR and later, GWR, British Rail, Railtrack and now Network Rail, the railway boundary encompasses the alignment of the old canal.

One of the delights of a trip down to Looe is trying to spot traces of the old canal and its 24 locks on one side of the train or the other, as it switches between left and right.

Abandoned canals in other parts of the country have simply dried up and often been absorbed into neighbouring farmland, with only the occasional bridge or dried up lock chamber to indicate their former route.

The traveller to Looe can still, if he's lucky, spot the remains of old locks at Coombe



Junction, Landlooe and Terras. These are still in water, together with other less distinct locks along the way.

However, the building of Joseph Thomas's incline to Liskeard severed the canal alignment to the south of Coombe, which meant that 'our' lock, no. 21 was cut off from the water supply and remains as a 'dry' lock.

For many years, Iain Rowe and members of the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project had been worried about the tree growth in Canal Lock 21 that was progressively threatening to destroy the stonework of the lock chamber. The benefit of the canal being within the railway boundary fence was now a hindrance to rescue efforts. Contact with the railway authorities proved fruitless.

Soon after I arrived in Liskeard in 2011, I offered my assistance, as a transport professional, to try and break through the invisible barrier and engage with the railway authorities.

Many encounters followed with Network Rail in an effort to find a legitimate way to climb over their boundary fence to arrest the tree growth. Sadly, none bore fruit - it was all 'too difficult' for an organisation that was busy running a railway.

Earlier this year, Councillor Jane Pascoe had a meeting with Network Rail to discuss a different issue in Liskeard and suggested that I come along and see if their representative at the meeting could find a way to break the logjam with Lock 21. As a result of this encounter, contact was made with a very open minded Asset Engineer, based in Swindon.

A meeting was held on site on 13th June and, Halleluiah, a way forward was agreed in principle.

The big trees will need to be dismantled in sections (as opposed to being felled) by a qualified tree surgeon. This will require the railway line to be blocked.

Fortunately, on 27th October, the winter timetable will start, with no Sunday trains until the following April. So, our blocking the line won't need to inconvenience travellers.

The site around the lock will need to be cordoned off with hazard tape so that clearance work can take place, under the scrutiny of a Network Rail Controller of Site Safety (COSS). The COSS will be responsible for keeping the team clear of the railway tracks and ensuring that everybody is working in a safe manner.

It will be necessary for all volunteers to be shod in safety footwear, with steel toe caps, Network Rail approved Orange high vis jackets, and Blue safety helmets.

I am grateful to Derris Watson of the Caradon Heritage Partnership for providing a seedcorn loan to purchase

these latter items for the use of volunteers. Assistance from other funding sources will be approached in due course to cover the cost of the professional tree surgeon and other expenses.

There is a great deal of form-filling that will still be necessary to satisfy the safety conscious authorities in Network Rail, but I am confident that we can look forward to getting on site in late October to carry out the work.

Special thanks go to the band of volunteers who responded so positively to the recent article in the Cornish Times and expressed a wish to 'get involved'. The Liskeard & Looe Rotary Club has been waiting patiently for the opportunity to adopt this job as a community project too.

So, let us hope that the spirit of goodwill prevails and we can get access to the site. Week commencing **Sunday 27th October** is the time to put in your diary.

With luck, we can look forward to converting our overgrown, hidden lock into something like this abandoned, but proud old lock on the former Somerset Coal Canal, near Midford.



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