



## Council Elections 2023-4

If you have a C&RT Private boat licence. Please

# VOTE for Eric McDowall as your No.1 choice

Vote between December 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 and January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

I was first involved with canals and boats back in 1962, when as a teenager I became interested in the carrying narrow boats which hauled cargo in those days and the traditional working methods I witnessed, close to where I lived.

I became active with the Waterway Recovery Group and took part in voluntary working parties on the Warwickshire Avon, the Montgomery Canal, the Peak Forest and Ashton Canal, and others.



In my twenties and thirties, I worked boats.

My first job was skippering a passenger narrow boat at Dunhampstead, near Droitwich, the following year, on the Shroppie at Brewood. I then worked as a boatman and became manager for 'Threefellows Carrying': we did cargo in boats as well as Camping holidays, and had passenger boats on the River Trent at Nottingham. I hauled 'Roses Lime Juice' out of Brentford, to Hemel Hempstead for about three years.

In the mid 1980s, I moved off of canal boats into a house. I learned to drive Heavy Goods Vehicles and in my spare time I learned to sail yachts at sea. I became a Yachtmaster and an RYA instructor.

In 2017, having retired from commercial driving, I bought Stewarts & Lloyds Tug No.2. and have a mooring at Alvecote.

I'm proud of our waterways traditions, believing the network should be maintained in a way that preserves as many of the original buildings and features as possible; ensuring we maintain the heritage of our locks and bridges and allowing our waterways to keep their unique atmosphere thereby creating the best environment for leisure and tourism.

I have a lovely family, I'm a member of the Historic Narrow Boat Club, the Russell Newbery (engine) Register and Coombeswood Canal Trust. I believe that C&RT should make effort to ensure individual waterways retain their character.



Please vote and make me your *first choice* for C&RT Council in the election commencing December 13<sup>th</sup>.

