



Role & Responsibilities: Regional Waterway Advisor

The Regional Waterway Advisor (RWA) is a voluntary representative of Canoe England and a member of the Regional Development Team. The role links the Canoe England Waterways and Environment Department and Operations Group to the Regional Development Team, Local Waterway Advisors (LWA's) and the Local Coastal Advisors (LCA's).

Appointment to the role of RWA is the responsibility of the Waterways and Environment Department and the Regional Development Team.

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Responsible to: Canoe England Waterways & Environment Department

Role purpose: Support and advise Canoe England on access issues and the use of waterways. Recruit and support LWA's and LCA's

Commitment: Up to 2 to 3 hours per week on average to include meetings

Skills & Requirements:

- The post holder must be a member of Canoe England.
- The post holder shall adhere to Canoe England policies.
- Good communication skills are necessary.
- A good knowledge of current and potential recreational water in the region.
- Good knowledge of recreational water and potential water in the region
- Good knowledge of the Paddlesport clubs and their needs in the region
- Good knowledge of the key partners in their region

Main Tasks:

- Contribute to Canoe England policy and strategy on access and other related issues.
- Support the implementation of a consistent access policy and strategy across the Canoe England regions.
- Maintain and develop access, facilities and promote good environmental practice for canoeing activities.
- Act as the regional Canoe England contact point for the work of the Waterways and Environment Department to liaise with the Regional Development Team, members, navigation authorities, local community, other water users, land owners and agencies.
- Provide advice, record and support the work of the volunteer LWA's and LCA's to include the provision of periodic workshop days.
- Report all appointments and changes to regional waterways teams to access@canoe-england.org.uk
- Refer all proposals for new or changes to access arrangements, any environmental or other issues that could affect canoeing to the Waterways and Environment Department i.e. planning applications, consultations, legislation
- Provide access information for the Canoe England Waterways & Coastal Information Service.
- Attend users and community based meetings and forums from time to time.
- Identify waterways and water bodies suitable for a range of Paddlesport disciplines.

- Attend RWA forums to contribute to discussions and sharing of good practice to develop and promote access to and along waterways in England.
- Attend the Regional Development Team meetings to promote Waterways and Environment interests and needs in the Region.
- Support the development of Canoe Trails within the region.
- Support the Rivers Access Campaign.

Resources to assist in role:

- The Waterways and Environment Department will provide information and advice on request
- Assistance for arranging workshop days for LWA's and LCA's.
- Canoe England web site – Waterways & Environment section Volunteers section

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