



Work boat Boswell was officially launched at the end of June by Michael Hills, CEO of Hills Group who have donated sufficient funds via Community First and Landfill Community Fund for the old British Waterways work boat to be purchased, reconfigured and repaired. It is over 100 years since a narrow boat was seen on this section of the canal.

No winding holes on the Pewsham stretch meant that MCC member Tim Herd used his skills to cut the boat in half to create a tug and butty. Volunteers led by Martin Stubbs and Richard Evans carried out other work which led to the launching on 22nd June attended by the Mayor of Chippenham, Directors of the Trust and members.

Boswell will be used to carry materials along the line at Pewsham and to help with weed control and distribute silt entering the canal from feeder streams.

