

## Press Release

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### The Lottery Film Crew Comes To Town!

Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust played host to the Big Lottery film crew last week as they put on film the proposed new Waterway Park for Milton Keynes.

The film crew spent time interviewing members of the various organisations who were supporting the Big Lottery Bid for £25 million to build the Milton Keynes Waterway Park as the first stage of the Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway.

Amongst those interviewed was John Best, Chief Executive of Milton Keynes Council, Jane Wolfson – Project Director for the Milton Keynes Waterway Park, Graham Mabbutt – Volunteer Director of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust and James Clifton – Project Manager at British Waterways.

Commenting on his part in the filming Graham Mabbutt said “ It was an interesting experience. An afternoon’s filming in the sun, answering all the questions about the project. I am confident that it will make a very interesting piece of film.”

This film will be viewed by the Big Lottery review committee in the Autumn and will be instrumental in deciding the new short list for the Living Landmarks funding. It will be available for all to see online at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) from September.

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Bedford River Users Group  
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Country Land & Business  
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Cranfield University  
East of England Tourist Board  
East of England  
Development Agency  
English Nature  
English Partnerships  
Environment Agency  
Forest of Marston Vale  
Great Ouse Boating Association  
Grand Union (South) Angling Club  
Inland Waterways Association  
Mid Bedfordshire District Council  
Milton Keynes Council  
Milton Keynes Parks Trust  
Renaissance Bedford  
South East England  
Development Agency  
Sport England  
Sustrans  
The Ramblers Association  
The Waterways Trust  
The Wildlife Trust for Beds.  
Cambs, Northants & Peterborough





The Big Lottery Bid is for the construction of the Milton Keynes section of the Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway running from the Grand Union Canal via Willen Lake, through Broughton Brook Linear Park into the Eastern Expansion Area up to the Bedfordshire Border. As the Milton Keynes arm of the Grand Union Canal it is a stand alone project known as the Milton Keynes Waterway Park. The Big Lottery Bid is for £25 Million.

Under the Living Landmarks funding stream, **23 projects** have made it on to the shortlist to compete for a small number of grants of between £10 million and £25 million each.

The **Big Lottery Fund** is the joint operating name of the New Opportunities Fund and the National Lottery Charities Board (which made grants under the name of the Community Fund). The Big Lottery Fund, launched on 1 June 2004, is distributing half of all National Lottery good cause funding across the UK.

The Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks Programme will award £140 million across the UK to initiatives that have been designed to inspire communities, revitalize and regenerate the places where they live, through social and community projects and major infrastructure investments.

**Full details of the Big Lottery Fund programmes and grant awards are available at: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)**



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