

PRESS RELEASE-Radio Humberside visit the Beverley Barge Preservation Society on Beverley Beck 19th July 2022



It was an early start on the 19th July when Sally Fairfax of BBC Radio Humberside visited the Beverley Barge Preservation Society on Beverley Beck. On what was forecast to be the hottest day we've had in East Yorkshire Sally interviewed members of the Society for the outside broadcast part of Kofi Smiles Breakfast show, some of which went out live.

Sally described the natural beauty of the Beck and the boats we operate. These are the Syntan barge which was built in 1949; the Sun (1960) and Mermaid, built 1986. It was Sally's second visit to the Syntan, Beverley's only floating museum, having visited us previously when we were in Hull marina for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and taking part in the Humber flotilla. Sally described how the BBPS operate regular daytrips upstream on the River Hull and details of these can be found on our Facebook group (Beverley Barges) which you can join as well as on our website www.syntanbarge.org.uk. Our Facebook group also has details of our Sunday openings when we normally operate Mermaid on short trips along Beverley Beck. However, the unsung heroes of the Society are the hard-working members of the maintenance team who work to keep the boats looking so good. Our volunteers give their time freely and act as Syntan tour guides and crew the boats. Come and see Beverley from a different perspective!

Our next main event on Beverley Beck is the 16th and 18th September which is our planned opening for the 2022 Heritage Open Days event coordinated with the Beverley Civic Society.

Both entry onto Syntan and the Mermaid trips are free, but donations to the Society are welcome and help in keeping the vessels operational.

We are proud to be working with the Beverley Town Council as part of their Strategic Partnership programme over the next 3 years and also with the Hull City Council as part of the 'Hull Maritime Community' project.