

FENS ADVENTURERS CASE STUDY

March Mooring Upgrade

Measure:313 Tourism

The March Area Regeneration and Development Trust (MARDT), a community led organisation, had identified the need to repair and enhance mooring facilities within the town. The waterway into March is picturesque and tranquil being part of the Fenland Waterway Nene-Ouse Navigation Link which is used by over 1,000 pleasure boats a year. The trust had already secured £12,000 of funding from the lottery and Fenland District Council to help towards the work required.



Before



After

A grant of just over £6,000 was provided from the RDPE which allowed the improvements to go ahead. This money was used to help 'pile', 'cap' and dredge the landing stage at the Nene moorings adjacent to Marylebone Bridge which was then protected with a semi-permeable membrane. Bollards were then welded into place to create moorings for up to five narrow boats. Two interpretation and information panels were designed and erected to signpost visitors and residents to local businesses and attractions.

The project was completed in August 2011 and benefits an additional 3000 visitors to the town with the potential to inject up to £60,000 into the local economy a year by increased spending at local businesses and attractions.



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