Proposal
Funding Canoe Pass

Background:

Stronger Together aims to improve access and promote environmental awareness and to that end British Canoeing has launched its Access and Environment Charter - Clear Access, Clear Waters - a campaign which sets out a vision to confirm access to the rivers and inland waters of England and to protect the environment.

It brings together the views of members, the wider paddling community and other key stakeholders to clarify our vision for fair, shared, sustainable open access to water.

Based around three key pledges it sets out our vision and ask of the Government to address the matter of public access on water and protection of our environment.

Working with MPs, key stakeholders such as DCMS, Wildlife and Countryside Link, Inland Waterways Association and Canal & Rivers Trust, the Charter we have brought Ambition Six to life.

The Charter is based on three key pledges:

British Canoeing will do the following:

1. Champion the case for fair, shared, sustainable open access on and along inland waters to be confirmed in law

2. Continue to act to protect and improve the health of our rivers, working to protect, preserve and enhance the natural environment

3. Commit to inspire more people to be active outdoors; connecting people with their environment and promoting the benefits on mental and physical well-being

Clear Access Clear Waters Charter Document

We have a beautiful river running through our town, which we can start to include as a tourist offer. The stretch from Ambergate to Belper and from Belper to Milford is an amazing resource. At last we have the tea rooms being rebuilt what needs to happen along side this is the promotion of the river being open for use by swimmers, canoeists and kayakers. We can think about
holding events on the river, paddle boarding, swimming, kayaking, providing changing facilities, supporting river clean ups, encouraging young people to take up paddle sports.  

Paddle Peak are promoting shared and responsible use of the waters in the Derwent Valley and the Peak District. They have been gathering together with others to clean out stretches of the river to prevent the tide of plastic reaching our waterways and oceans.

The Town Council has been supporting this initiative with our weir clean events.

You will have noticed a boom which has been installed across the river for health and safety purposes for members of the public hiring rowing boats on the river.

The canoeists and kayakers have been using a safe entrance to the river for many years below this boom and now need access across it to enable continued paddling upstream.

The canoe pass shown in the photos is situated on the river Ouse in the centre of Bedford, and uses 400 x 900 floats similar in size to those in the boom at Belper. The steel frame has a clearance width of 900mm and draft of 260mm generally sufficient for a canoe and has been tested to a maximum loads of 5t. This 400 model supplied and delivered with floats in colour of choice is £3,875 + vat.

We also produce a larger version which uses bigger floats 600 x 900 to support the heavier & stronger steelwork as shown in the three photo I have attached with a width of 1500mm and draft of 400mm and more suited to faster flowing rivers. This 600 model supplied and delivered with floats in colour of choice costs a little more at £4,120 + vat. Both models come complete with connection shackles.