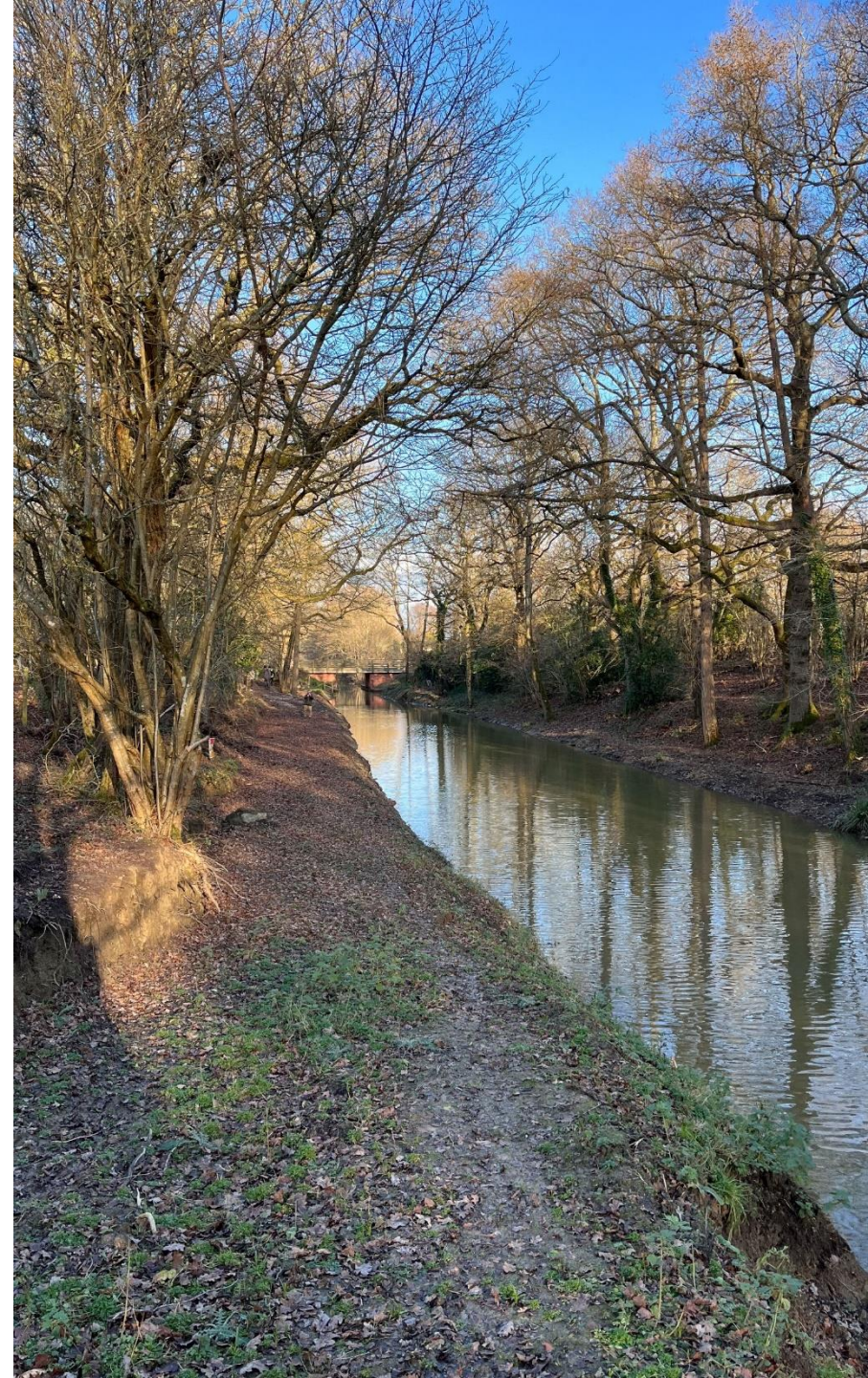




**Three-year plan
and 2030 vision**

Introduction

- We have come a long way since the canal restoration started, but there is a huge amount still to be done
- We remain committed to full restoring the canal, but also want to ensure we deliver on our aims to :
 - Enhance public access: restoring the towpath and creating new footpath and bridleway links
 - Create a waterway for recreation and leisure
 - Extend the “green corridor” for wildlife and the peaceful enjoyment of the countryside
 - Be an educational resource and an opportunity for volunteering
 - To research and conserve heritage features



Accelerating Restoration

Opening up our green corridor

- Our updated plans all contribute to the full restoration of the canal
- They also ensure we continue to progress our other aims and deliver benefits to the local community
- We have updated our multi-site strategy and have set out an aspirational vision for 2030
- We are excited to share our plans today !



Key enablers

To make this happen we will need to several things to come together

- Secure landowner support and secure access through purchase or long-term leases
- Timely approvals to our planning applications
- Secure new sources of funding and ask for new donations from our supporters



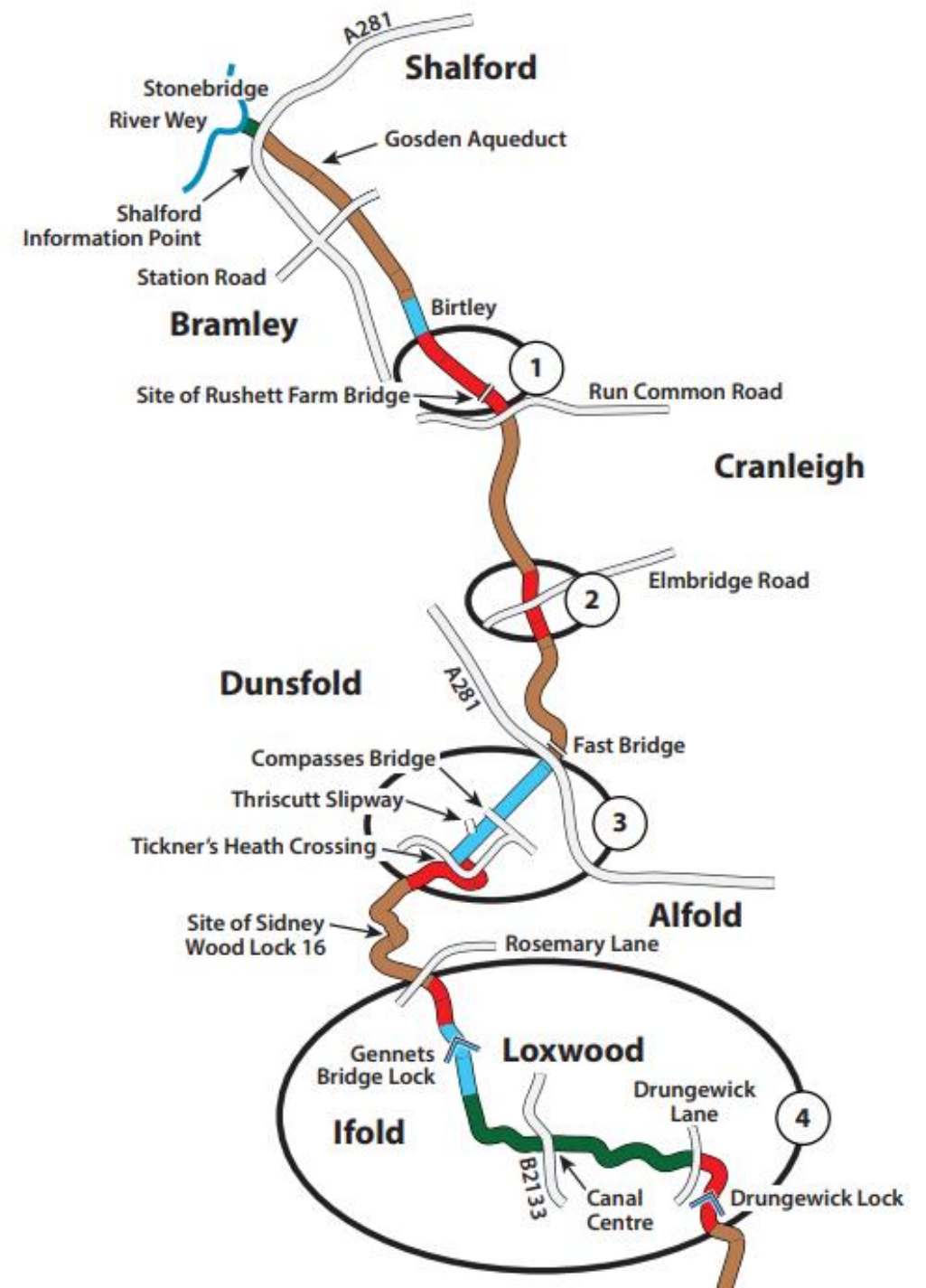
Priority Plans and 2030 Vision

- 4 Priority areas in which to progress projects in the next 3 years
 - ❑ Focus our efforts
 - ❑ Best opportunities with community benefits
 - ❑ Multiple projects in each of the 4 areas
- An aspirational and challenging vision for 2030
 - ❑ More connected restored sections
 - ❑ Improved access and usable for small boats



Priority Areas next 3 years

- South of Bramley
- Cranleigh
- Dunsfold and Alfold
- Loxwood



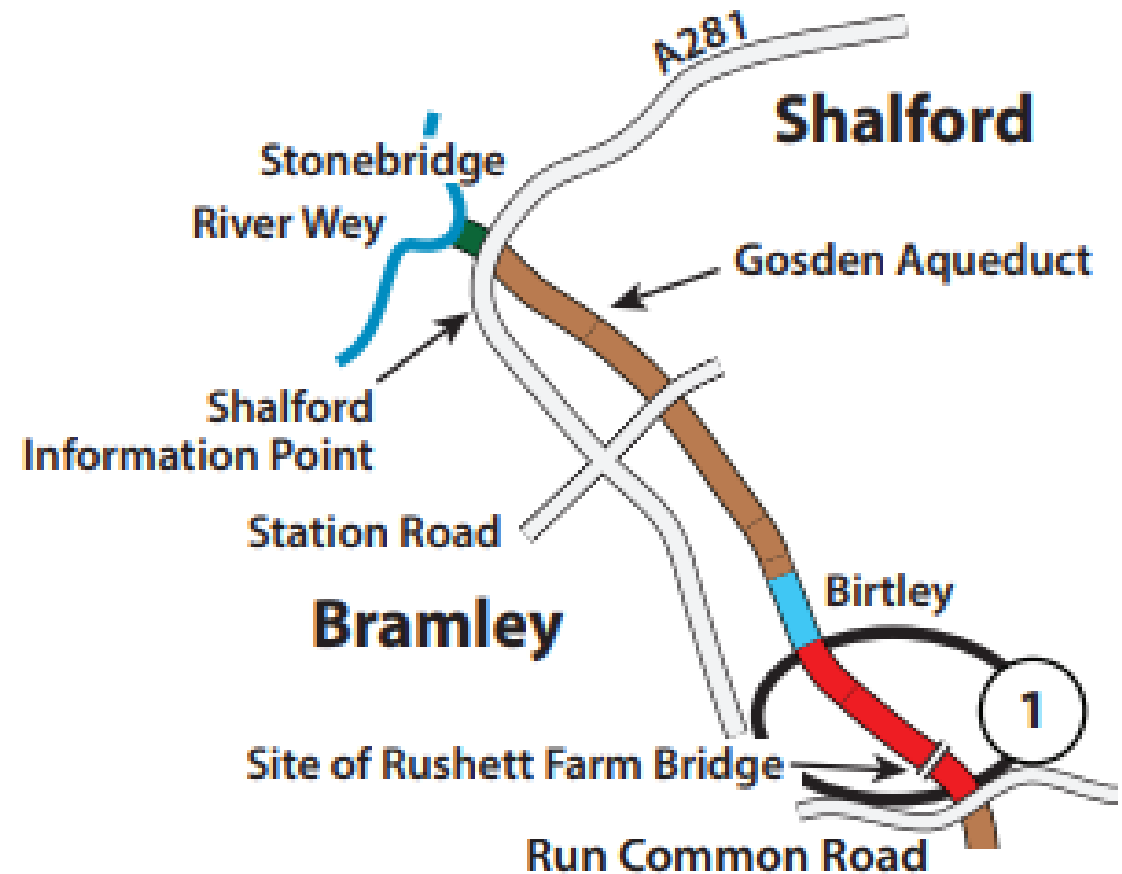
South of Bramley

- Continue south from Birtley bridge 1
- Before we look forward, let's remind ourselves what was achieved last year
- At the meeting a photo slide Show was shown (not included in this presentation)



South of Bramley Projects

- Fanesbridge /Rooks Hill restoration: extending Birtley section and creating new footpaths
 - Awaiting decision on planning Application
 - Phased approach to include new bridge and cut
- Rushett Farm restoration
 - Complete lock on Rooks Hill section and continue south
 - Restore as much as possible on the original route but with a diversion around the encampment at Rushett Common bridge
- With both projects completed:
 - 2 KM section of canal from Birtley to Rushetts
 - Improved access and links to Greensand Way



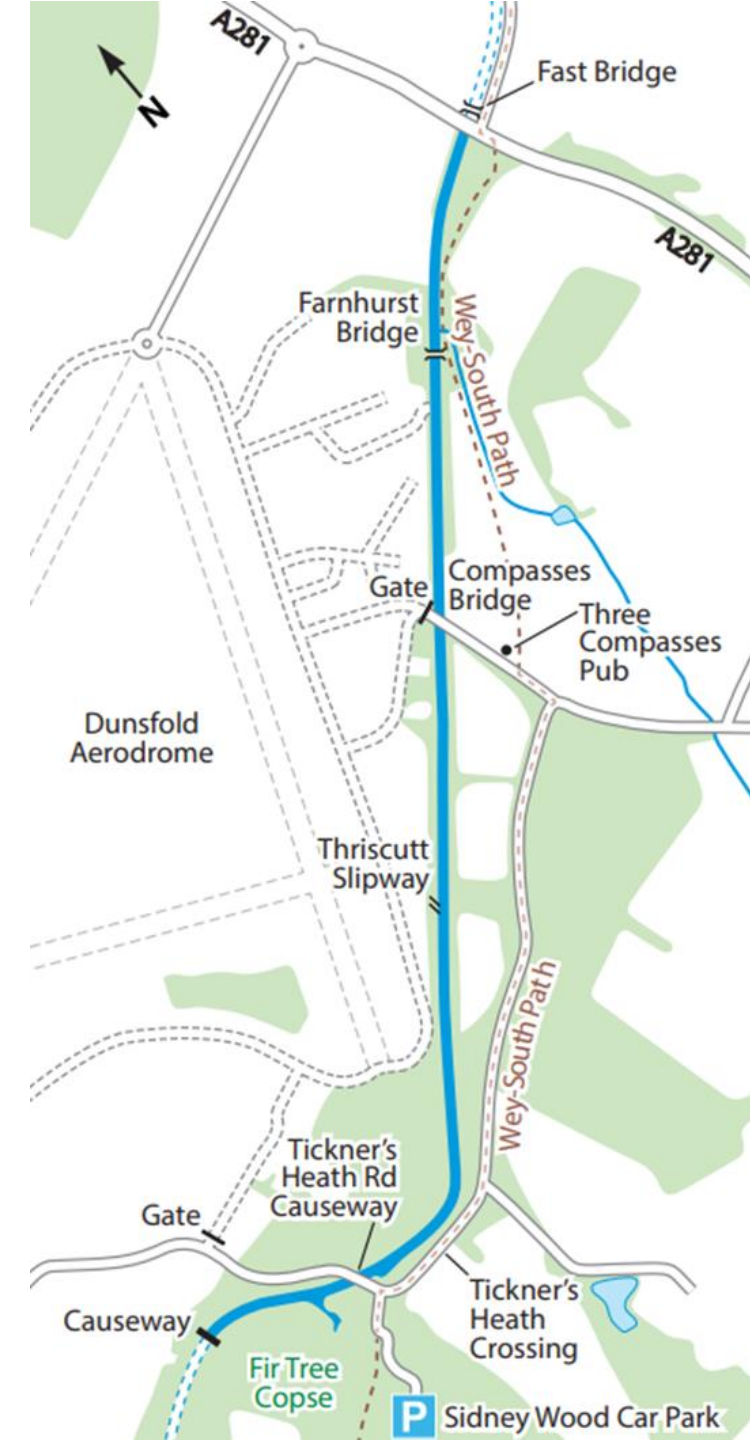
Cranleigh

- Opening up two sections of the canal to connect under Elmbridge Road into Cranleigh
- Rye Farm (North of Elmbridge Road)
 - ❑ **Breaking News : Planning permission approved !**
 - ❑ Work on creating 300m of new towpath to start this year
- Elmbridge Road
 - ❑ Prospective project for 350m of restoration plus new canal bridge
 - ❑ Continuing liaison with County Council and others



Dunsfold and Alfold

- Restoration of nearly 2km of the waterway completed by Dunsfold Park's contractors
- New canal side path to be opened up in due course as part of the new village development
- Over 30 members joined John Thorp this morning to walk part of this section and see the transformation
- Currently still within secure Aerodrome but will become a public space with housing development
 - ❑ Dunsfold Park plans include new canal basin
 - ❑ Links to wider footpath / bridleway network
 - ❑ Full support from Dunsfold Park for Trust events prior to public access being opened up



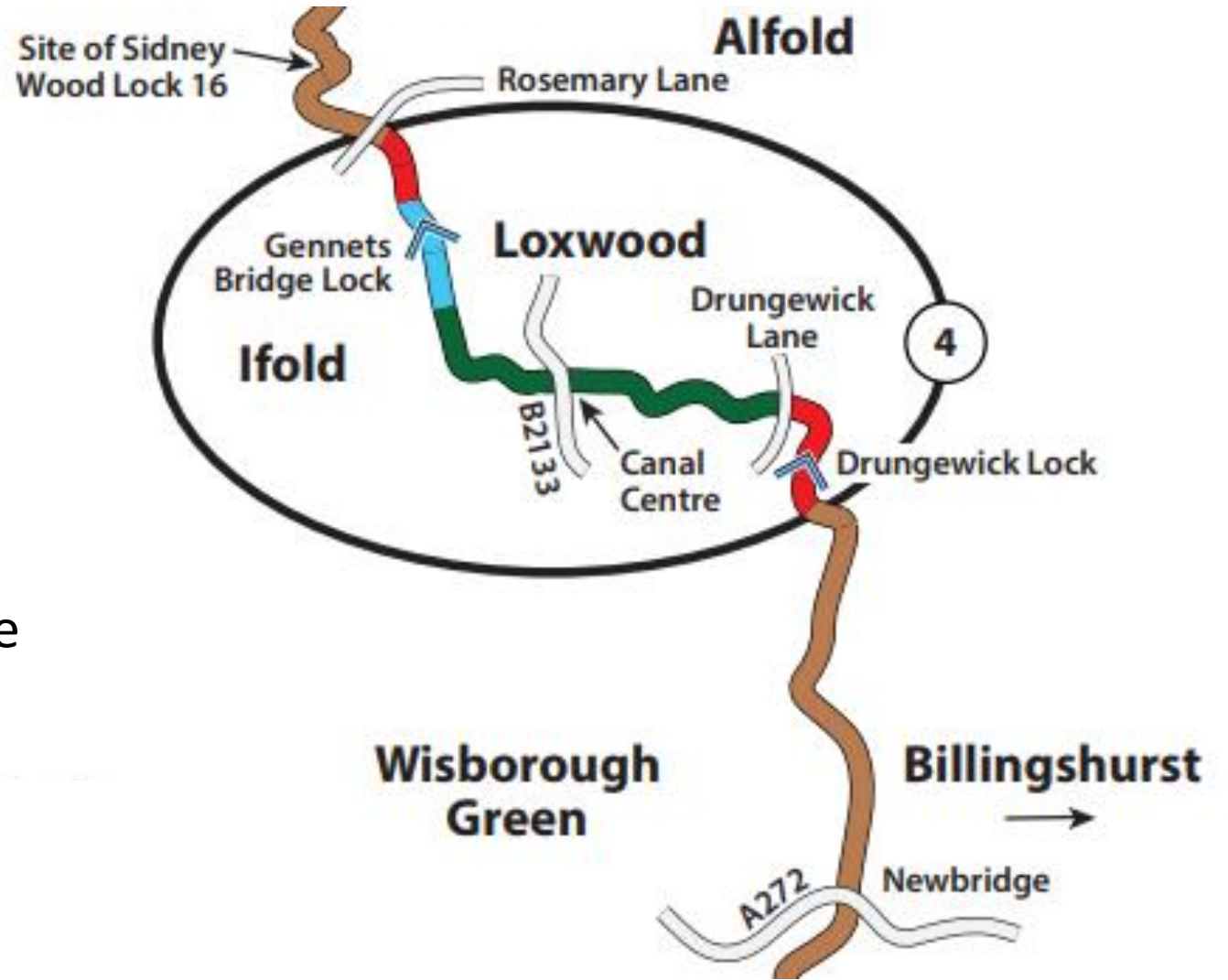


Tickners Heath Crossing

- Footbridge built but long pause waiting for Highways and Utilities approvals
- Procurement of contractor to build the new canal bridge at Dunsfold Road is underway
- Liaison with Thames Water to deliver diversion of water main
- Stage 2: Still in the planning process, ecological assessments underway

Loxwood

- Bonfire Hanger – see next slide
- Long Meadow to Drungewick Lock
 - Restoring navigation
 - Leak repair and bank profiling
 - Dredging and vegetation clearance
 - Reopening the footpath





Bonfire Hanger

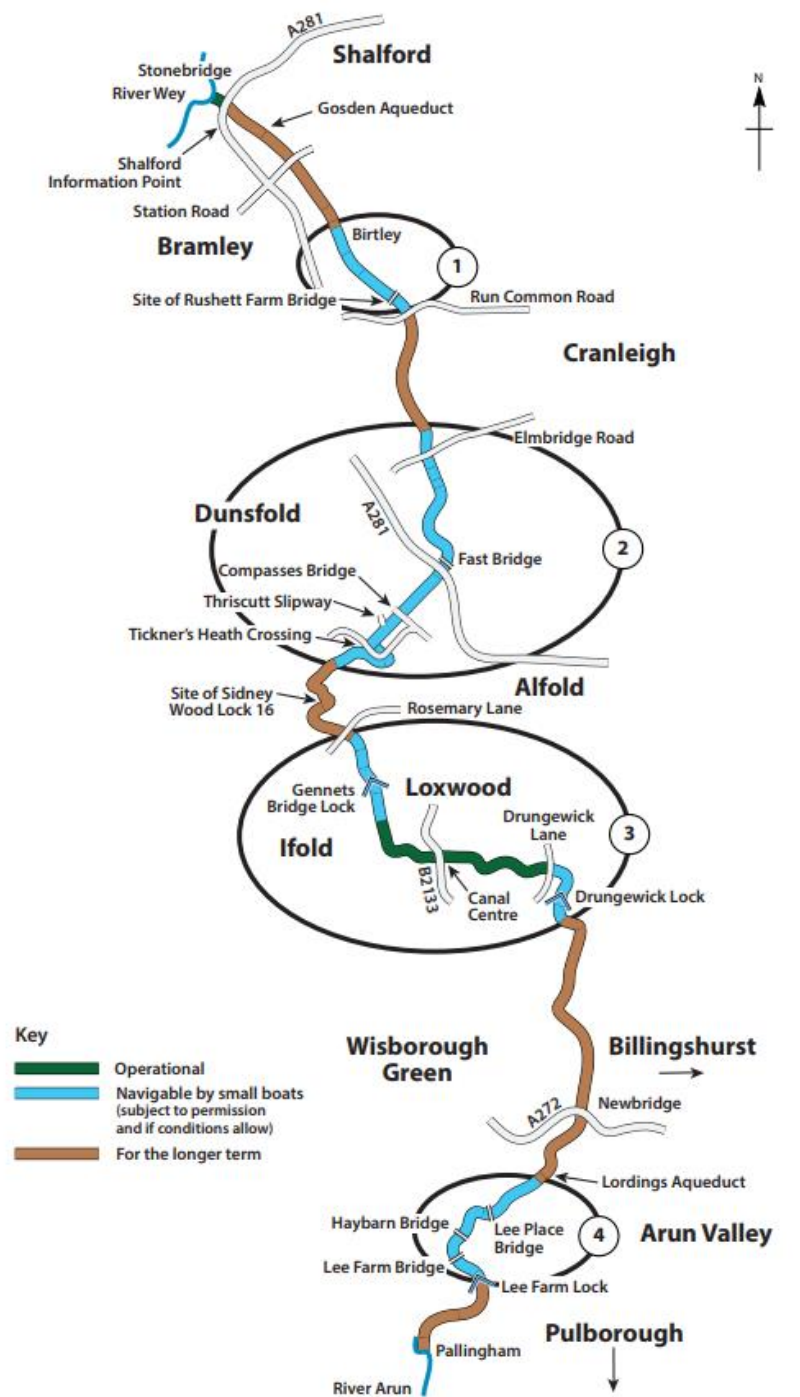
- Forestry work and bridge steps work completed
- Towpath (Bridleway) improvements planned for this summer
- Waverley CIL funding of £45,779 awarded and additional grant of £5,000 from Alfold PC

2030 Vision

Aspirational and challenging

Four connected restored sections and useable for small unpowered boats

- **Birtley to Run Common**
- **Tickner's Heath/Firtree Copse to Rye Farm with preparation for possible tripboat operation**
- **Long Meadow to Rosemary Lane**
- **Lordings to south of Lee Farm Lock**



Land Acquisition

- Over the last few years, we have been able to acquire access to more sections of the canal
- To achieve our Aims, we need to take advantage of further opportunities as they arise
 - ❑ Renewing existing leases is a priority
 - ❑ Second priority is land that helps us achieve our plans and the 2030 vision
- Landowner support has to be earned and privacy respected



What about other areas ?

- We continue to assess other opportunities which we hope will become the next up priority projects
- Each of these have complexities and
 - Require further planning and engineering assessments before we can confirm as viable
 - Require additional land access (or purchase)
- Several potential projects in our internal planning process:
 - Lee Farm Bridge and canal
 - Bramley Link Phase 1 from River Wey to Gosden Aqueduct
 - Fast Bridge A281 Crossing
 - Summit Reservoir

Funding an increasing challenge

- Maintaining and repairing what we have already done needs funding: more canal in water, means more to maintenance
- A multi-site restoration strategy requires significant funding
- Clearly communicating our plans and the benefits they deliver is key to engaging with new funders and supporters
- We are investing time to better understand grant funding opportunities and ensure we are ready for the next project
- Communications and Fundraising is time consuming and requires a lot of effort to plan, organise and execute



How can you help us ?

- Help us grow our supporter base
 - Share our newsletters and social media posts
 - Encourage friends and colleagues to become members and contribute to fundraising appeals
 - Do you have contacts with funding groups ?
- Volunteer your time or nudge a younger family member or someone you know to get involved
 - Assist with organising events
 - Join our Communications and Fundraising team
- Let us know how we can improve our communications



How can you help us ?

- Make a monthly donation and become a “Milestone Club” member
- Consider leaving us a legacy in your will
- Support our appeals and fundraising events as we advertise them

