

National Bargee Travellers Association

For the community and rights of boat dwellers

The National Bargee Travellers Association (NBTA) is a volunteer organisation that campaigns and provides support and advice for boat dwellers without permanent moorings on Britain's inland and coastal waterways. The term 'Bargee Traveller' includes any person whose only or main home is a boat and who does not have a permanent residential mooring for their boat.

Our community has few specific rights in law and navigation authorities do not always accept our right to respect for our homes. Every year boat dwellers are evicted and their boats seized. No-one should be made homeless, including boat dwellers.

Originally most people living on boats on the UK's waterways were working people on low incomes. Now, the waterways are increasingly being marketised by navigation authorities to increase their profits from property developments and the leisure industry, rather than meeting our needs. Navigation authorities are progressively imposing tougher restrictions on Bargee Travellers, which they promote using misleading information about our legal rights and derogatory, untrue allegations about our behaviour. Many of these new 'rules' are not within the legal powers of the navigation authorities to enforce.

Join the NBTA and help to challenge this unlawful activity and get a better deal for itinerant boat dwellers. Membership of the NBTA is free. We invite you to contribute a voluntary donation.

There are two types of membership:

- Ordinary membership is open to boat dwellers without permanent moorings
- Associate membership is open to any individual or organisation who supports the aims of the NBTA

Please tell us what skills you have to offer; we always need more people who can help in campaigning, action or advising boat dwellers of their rights and how to uphold them. Your membership will last for the time you choose. Please see the membership form overleaf.

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Membership Form

I wish to join the National Bargee Travellers Association

Name.....

Boat Name.....

Address.....

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Phone No

Email.....

The best way to contact me is

I can offer the following skills

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I would like to join/ help start a local NBTA branch in.....

I wish to become an

Ordinary member

Associate Member

If posting please send this form to:

**National Bargee Travellers Association, 30 Silver Street, Reading,
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