

National Barge Travellers Association (NBTA)

**Volunteer Caseworker Training Session
&
Meeting to set up an NBTA group in Cambridge**

Sunday 3rd April 2016, 11am and 4.15pm

St Andrew's Hall

St Andrew's Road, Chesterton, Cambridge, CB4 1DH

11am to 4pm: Training Session - please book a place, see below

4.15pm to 6pm: Meeting for everyone who is interested in setting up an NBTA group – all welcome, just turn up

The NBTA is a volunteer organisation formed in 2009 that campaigns and provides advice for itinerant boat dwellers on Britain's inland and coastal waterways. The term 'Barge Traveller' includes anyone whose home is a boat and who does not have a permanent mooring for their boat with planning permission for residential use. The NBTA is dedicated to upholding and defending the rights of itinerant boat dwellers, and has members on many navigation authorities' waterways.

Enforcement against boat dwellers in Cambridge is being stepped up and the Council is currently planning and consulting on further mooring restrictions. The NBTA receives a lot of requests for support from boat dwellers.

Local NBTA groups are a way for boat dwellers to join together for support or to campaign and challenge mooring restrictions and threats to their homes.

The NBTA's volunteer caseworkers provide advice and help to individual boat dwellers experiencing enforcement or eviction with the aim of preventing them from losing their homes or being moved on. Most of those who contact the NBTA are having problems with the following: enforcement action by navigation authorities; eviction from riverside moorings by local authorities or landowners, and denial of access to welfare benefits, especially Housing Benefit. The training session will cover these scenarios in detail. Some background information will be provided to read beforehand. The training session is free.

To book a place at the Volunteer Caseworker Training Session please contact secretariat@bargee-traveller.org.uk or 0118 321 4128 with your name, phone number, email address and brief details of your experience of living on a boat and any experience you feel is relevant to being a volunteer caseworker with the NBTA. Lunch will be provided.

For the meeting about setting up an NBTA group in Cambridge just turn up at 4.15pm.

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