

## Projects Under Consideration in and around Rye

### A. Rye Town Council

1. *Strand Quay* Improvements

### B. Rother District Council

2. *Rye Bypass* Scheme
3. A259 Roadside Corridor Project
4. Scheme 1 - *Freda Gardham* Field
5. Scheme 2 - *Rye Golf Club*
6. Scheme 3 - *Rock Channel*
7. Scheme 4 - *Rye Harbour Sailing Club*
8. Scheme 5 - ARC Rye Harbour Road

### C. Environment Agency

9. *Environmental Council* Harbour Management Plan
10. 50-Year Flood Study - *Wallingford Research Agency*
11. *Fishmarket* Development Plan
12. *Admiralty Jetty* Plan I
13. *Admiralty Jetty* Plan II (Mark I plus protecting rare flowers)
14. Recreation Action Plan for the *Eastern Rother*
15. Visitor Management at *Rye Harbour Nature Reserve*
16. Footpaths & Canoe Usage on *Royal Military Canal*
17. Cycle Access around *Rye Harbour*
18. Rights to Roam Strategy
19. Rights of Way Policy
20. *Camber Sands* Projects

### D. RYA

21. January 1999 Review Proposals

### E. RHBOA

22. Ken Steele Scheme for *Strand Quay* Floating Moorings with Sill
23. John Collard Scheme for *Rother/Rock Channel* Floating Moorings
24. Connie's Scheme for Additional Berths at Existing Moorings

### F. Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

25. Protection of *Castle Waters* from Leisure Boating
26. Protection of *Rother Estuary* & Salt Marshes from Leisure Boating

### G. Sustrans

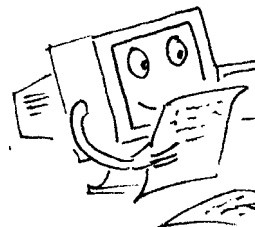
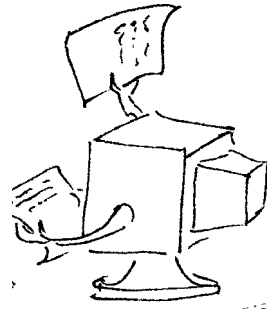
27. Local Development of National Cycle Paths Network

### H. Rye Partnership

28. Projects 2000 - Two Bays Project Funding
29. Rye Maritime Development Committee Projects
30. Rye Maritime Heritage Museum Project

### I. 'John Collard Trust'

31. *New Rother* Fishmarket Scheme
32. *New Rotherham* Marina Scheme
33. Rother Inland Waterway Development Strategy
34. *Smeaton's Harbour*
35. *Rye Town* Wall
36. *Rye Town* Canal Development Strategy
37. *Rye Strand* Tidal Mill Scheme
38. *Rye-Camber* Railway Scheme



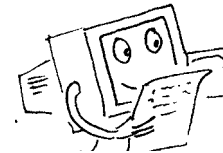
## J. Rye Tyre Consortium

- 39. Bly, Elwell, Cutler plans for *ARC Pipes & Wharf Sites*

**K. Harbour Master's Project List** - *The Harbour Master Project List has been prepared to stimulate debate. The ideas range from simple and plausible to complex and unlikely but all the ideas are initiatives which have been written about, debated or raised in conversations about the harbour.*

### 40-59 Strand Quay (20)

- 'Willow Pattern' type bridge across the service pipes near the *Tillingham Sluice*.
- Tarmac track from *St Margaret's Avenue* across the above bridge and extending to the Motel.
- Foot bridge (swinging and pedestrian operated) sited near to slipway for access to Motel and *Rye Harbour Village* (Maybe part of *Sustrans* as an alternative to the above).
- Removal of the *Southern Water Pump Station - St Margaret's Avenue*.
- Removal of brick flood defence wall, town side and substituted with rockery (to height) to include Victorian lighting and discrete seating/shrubbery.
- Purchase and demolition of Petrol Station/Pine warehouse replacing with grass area, trees and small discrete outlet (food, gift shops etc).
- Tidal sill/gate at entrance to *Strand Quay*.
- Establish ownership of area adjacent to *Addy's garage* and if under *Agency* ownership tidy/develop amenities.
- Introduce public walkways both sides of the Strand to include seating and marine 'Features' of a tourist attraction (Old Anchors, Ships Gear, Masts and other paraphernalia).
- Invite an 'interesting' ship to permanently berth as a 'feature' and/or restaurant.
- Re-instate information boards with much more detail and interesting historical facts.
- Construct 'giant' Tide Board giving clear indications of when tide arriving.
- Construct raised international clock around flower base at Fish shop end of Strand.
- Design disabled access platform for Slipway end of Town Moorings.
- Encourage private enterprise to instigate river trips with Environment and Historical theme.
- Permit small retail outlets on both sides of the Strand in purpose built stalls/huts.
- Organise local group into running the firing of midday gun (same as Cape Town, Edinburgh, Singapore).
- Permit private enterprise to hire rowboats/punts over high water.
- Pursue car parking to garage site with electronic access to authorised persons.
- Provide flagpoles to area.



### 60-71 Strand Approach (12)

- Develop riverside walkway to both sides.
- Lease land and moorings to recent flood defence works (S) for some 12 boats and outside catering.
- Develop/clear *Agency* site formerly used as spoil store.
- Establish ownership of access road to *Rock Channel Quay* & ensure maintenance program
- Arrange dredging program to *Bridge Point*.
- Establish 'withies' planting program.
- Install information boards detailing history of *Bridge Point* and other interesting historical features.
- Construct footbridge across *Brede sluice* as part of "*Sustrans*" or general harbour walkway.
- Provide a dedicated floating pontoon with ramp access for the disabled/wheelchairs/heavy equipment.
- Consider "Barrier" for permanent wet moorings.
- Information boards to *Brede sluice*. Environment info.
- Re-introduce navigation to *River Brede*.



### 72-80 Rock Channel (9)

- Re-enforce flood defence embankments to south.
- Introduce a planned replacement of 'tatty' moorings to *Agency* owned land leased to a number of individuals.
- Ensure future leases include more rigid environmental clauses.
- Remove redundant old flood defence timber structures (if not employed in actual defence measures).
- Invite further mooring development to lower end near Main River.
- Develop a general policy of site clearance (old buildings/huts etc) and develop new buildings in favour of more pleasing structures. (Area within *Rye Conservation Area*).
- Support town move (or anybody else) to develop river walkway to north.
- Meet with landowner to south to discuss public access to flood bund and develop public walkway.
- Complete conservation audit of river bank (area includes kingfishers, various duck, water voles etc).

### 81-90 Upper Reaches (10)

- Develop Fish Market (plans under way).
- Divert river (i.e. straighten) from Road Bridge to *Rother/Rock Channel* confluence.
- Plan for additional land that will be captured.
- Strengthen Road Bridge supports and better protect corner from water erosion whilst constructing piled berth that could be used for 'interesting' ship (tourist attraction) and use as monument for Rye's ship building tradition (working/talking history).
- Develop car parking between river and *Freda Gardham School*.
- Encourage 'interesting' ship to provide restaurant facilities.
- Strengthen corner *River Rother/Rock Channel* permit construction of 'over' river fish restaurant. Develop site for car parking.
- Design and construct helicopter landing platform adjacent to restaurant for London business persons visiting for lunch.
- Develop 'winter' lay-up moorings for cruiser to fish market/*Duncan Grant*/Agency land.
- Dredge and clean riverbed adjacent both road bridge and rail bridge.

### 91-101 Upper Reaches (11)

- Offer land between road/rail bridges for lease for small boat moorings.
- Develop this above land (Motel/car park) on a revenue basis (8 Acres).
- Complete Environmental Audit for this stretch of river to *Scott's Float* sluice.
- Encourage boat usage of this part of the harbour including increased usage of the lock system.
- Install navigation marks as required.
- Permit construction of accommodation for *Rye Water Ski Club*.
- Information boards to be installed on 'Saxon' way.
- Agency to promote east side walkway.
- Establish Crown Lease limits and land ownership to river banks to *Scott's Float Sluice*. Prepare an Environment Plan for this tidal section.
- Resurrect 'Pollards' Wharf as a tourist feature.
- Encourage boat trips from road bridge to *Scott's Float*.



### 102-133 Middle Channel (32)

- Better liaison with riparian owners to west side.
- Investigate prospect of land purchases to west side and consider riverside mooring development.
- Support commercial operations and development at 'Rastrum' and 'Rye Marine' Wharf.
- Investigate 'Rye Bypass' proposals and monitor type of river crossing required.
- Liaise with riparian owners to the east side (*Rother DC/Golf Club*) and develop a MOU in respect of riverbank usage. Develop a users group for this section.
- Complete Environmental Audit to banks and riverbed waters.
- Install mooring positions for oil boom placement.
- Complete a hydrometric survey to riverbed.
- Consider turning circle to permit larger vessel arrivals (anywhere).
- Commence a program of monitoring air quality throughout river (commercial/leisure/fishing traffic activities).
- Construct 'Cut' to land behind *Admiralty Jetty* and develop moorings. Gate each end for sluicing.
- Strengthen river bend to protect river flow (*Admiralty Jetty*).
- Abandon and remove all chain moorings and install steel sheet piling to river bend. Dredge and infill behind (grassing over for community recreation/development).
- Construct 'mini' fish market for lower reaches fishermen.
- Use area for revenue earning car park.
- Consider 'mini' marina to land in front of public house (steel piling with automatic sill).
- Consider pier head lighting and install brighter and changed characteristic light/Consider laser beams.
- Provide floating pontoon to *Harbour Office* passing bay with appropriate ramp structure.
- Construct disabled access ramp with handrails to half tide slipway - Rye Harbour.
- Tarmac Harbour office car park. Install 'Pay Machine'.
- Dispose of Harbour Properties and consider purchase *Rye Town Centre* office amenities.
- Remove existing chain moorings and replace with pontoons.
- Secure West Bank area with high fences against vandalism.
- Construct marina in land adjacent to *RNLI* building.
- Raise sailing club car park/boat park and fence.

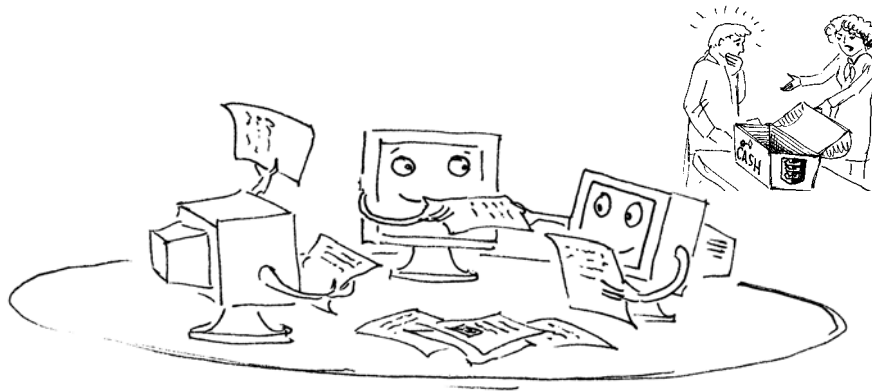


### 134-154 Management (31)

- Review Harbour Revision Order.
- Consider externalising estate management, financing and legal provision.
- Re-designate Harbour Master to Harbour Manager.
- Consider Harbour Management Committee.
- Enshrine harbour within a "Trust" ports status.
- Review and develop new byelaws from generic models.
- Consider increase in prosecutions for environment offences.
- Engage Historian to re-write '*A History of Rye*'.
- Produce annual report on the lines of 'State of the Harbour'.
- Produce Environment Plans and policies for the tidal section.
- Encourage more user groups to become active on harbour decision-making bodies.
- Twinning arrangements with European ports/sailing clubs.
- Promote harbour in all its activities via boat shows and other county events.
- Organise 'Friends of the Harbour of Rye' club.
- Dispose of harbour craft and charter in boats as necessary.
- Replace Pilot cutter.
- Replace Harbour Launch.
- Partnerships with other Continental ports/Local Authorities.
- Consider leasing to *British Waters Authority*.
- Develop Rye Harbour Village users group.
- Routine biodiversity survey to river banks/bed/adjacent borders.
- Archaeological survey of all areas within harbour limits and adjacent lands.
- Develop Port Marine Safety Code to include passage planning/vessel zoning/vessel control systems.
- Develop calendar of anniversary dates for statutory reviews of plans (emergency oil spill, pilotage operations, waste management, marine safety code, staff competencies), certifications of plant and staff competencies, maintenance schedules.
- Develop 'Estuary Management Plan' as per EU directive.
- 'Join' with the Two Bays Project and have closer links with the navigational aspects of the port of 'St Valery'.
- Develop strategy and produce statement on Shipping,
- Develop strategy and produce statement on Buildings (house/offices)
- Develop strategy and produce statement on Riverside development for moorings
- Develop strategy and produce statement on The Environment and European designations
- Develop strategy and produce statement on Protection against flooding and possible diversion/siltation of the *River Rother*.

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