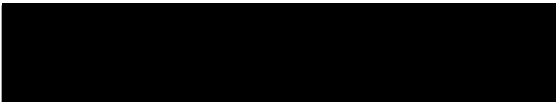




IN THE WEST YORKSHIRE WESTERN CORONER'S COURT
IN THE MATTER OF:

The Inquests Touching the Death of Charles Alan Newby
A Regulation Report – Action to Prevent Future Deaths

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>Canal River Trust</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>Martin Fleming HM Senior Coroner for West Yorkshire Western</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under Paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and Regulations 28 and 20 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 22 October 2015 I opened an inquest into the death of Charles Alan Newby who, at the date of his death, was aged 60. The inquest was resumed and concluded on 26 February 2016.</p> <p>I found that the cause of death to be: -</p> <p>1a. Drowning II Alcohol consumption</p> <p>The conclusion of the inquest was Accident</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On 18 October 2015 Charles Alan Newby inadvertently fell from the rear of a boat on the Calder River/Canal in Dewsbury whilst he was he was intoxicated with alcohol and not wearing a life jacket. Although several</p>

	<p>attempts were made to retrieve him from the water, he succumbed and drowned.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern, given that there are no life rings at Lock 19 location on the Calder Canal. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths could occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTER OF CONCERN is as follows. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would ask the trust to carefully re-assess the appropriateness of the installation of life rings at the Lock 19 location.
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of its date; I the Coroner, may extend that period on request.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for such action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p>COPIES</p> <p>I have sent a copy of this report to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •  •  • Chief Coroner <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted</p>

	<p>or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the Coroner, at the time of your response about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>DATED this 10th day of March 2016</p> <p></p> <p>M. D. Fleming Senior Coroner</p>