

News-update – Pride in Bedfordshire Awards



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❖ John Bunyan Community Boat cruises away with Prestigious Award

The John Bunyan Boat has been recognised at the Pride in Bedfordshire Awards as the winner in the category - 'Raising the Profile of the Town.'

The ceremony, held at the Corn Exchange in Bedford, heard how the John Bunyan Boat had attracted visitors into Bedford and had carried 3,000 passengers on cruises along the River Great Ouse since its launch in July, as well as carrying wedding parties, many chartered functions and held a multi faith blessing service.

Members of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust, who own the boat, were in the audience to receive the award. Chairman Graham Mabbutt says "I am delighted to receive the award for the outstanding success the John Bunyan has been as a community boat for Bedford" He added "This boat was just a dream a year ago and it is down entirely to our sponsors and volunteers who operate the boat that it has been such a great success."

The community boat was launched by the B&MK Waterway Trust to help promote its long-term plans to link the River Great Ouse at Kempston to the Grand Union Canal at Milton Keynes.



B&MK Trustees; Patrick Hall, David Fowler, Chairman Graham Mabbutt and two representatives of Award Sponsors - Nisa Local - with actor Nitin Ganatra (Masood in Eastenders)

Graham Mabbutt

Chairman – Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust



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