‘Paddlers Against (Floating) Pennywort’

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Introduction

Why are British Canoeing involved?
Environmental Pledges

- Committed to act to protect and improve the health of our rivers: working to protect, preserve and enhance the natural environment
- A key action to promote Check, Clean and Dry & prevent the spread of INNS
- Paddlers NEED to get involved
- Partnerships are key
Canal and River Trust

• BC work closely with CRT
• Focus on Floating Pennywort
• Huge impacts on navigation
• Able to target particular sections
• Pilot study through 2019 on 4 sites
Dewsbury Arm, Calder & Hebble Canal, West Yorkshire
Stanley Ferry, Aire and Calder Navigation
Peak Forest Canal
Peak Forest, Hyde
Peak Forest 2
Conclusion

- Canoes great for removing FP in large mats or small clumps
- Canoes reach areas difficult to access
- Different seasons need different methods
- Full biosecurity challenging
- Paddlers education on INNS
- SUPs and pontoons great for draining water
- CRT workboat useful collection point
- Weekends best for paddlers – BBQ?
- Combination of mech/chem treatment
Other FP work

- Rive Care/EA – Anglian Rivers – Huntingdon, Cambridge and Viking CC
- River Stort – Whoosh Explore C.C. ‘Riddance from the River Stort’
- INNS Week – Defra event? CRT around Wigan?
- Further CRT work – Wigan Lock
- BC involved in much more.....
QUESTIONS?