

Manvers Lake gives glimpse of the future in special visit

EXCITING new plans for Manvers Waterfront Boat Club were highlighted in a visit by some special guests.

President Chris Hawkesworth and chairman Mark Benton hosted shadow sports minister and Barnsley MP Stephanie Peacock, former sports minister and head of the English Institute of Sport Richard Caborn as well as Ben Seal – head of access and the environment from Paddle UK, the governing body of paddle sport – and former Rotherham Borough councillor and Manvers Lake trustee Alan Atkin.

The visitors were briefed on work in progress towards a 2025-2035 long-term plan for Manvers Lake and parkland area.

Ms Peacock and Mr Caborn were shown around the proposed first floor hospitality facilities and canoe heritage area.

They also inspected from water and land the site of the proposed pump-fed Alpine River White Water Recreation channel facility for the combined use of recreation and in-water fire and rescue



MP Stephanie Peacock at Manvers Lake with Paddle UK's Ben Seal

training.

It will support water-sports training as well.

The water is designed to flow at a variety of volumes and speeds, from still to a torrent, so that the Olympic sports of whitewater canoe slalom and extreme slalom competition, training and coaching can take place.

Plus, it means the Blue Light services, and in par-

ticular Fire and Rescue will be able to practice and train for flood and water rescue in and on a variety of water conditions. Manvers' special guests offered their help and support for both the existing and proposed additions and look forward to seeing the completed proposals when they come to fruition later in the year.