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The Avon New Cut is a tidal waterway running through the centre of Bristol. Excavated between 1804 and 1809, it was an essential part of the development of Bristol's Floating Harbour. The Cut is still vitally important to the function of the City Docks and the surrounding area for drainage. It is now an area rich in flora and fauna – a green lung in the centre of the city.

The Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC) is a group of local residents who are promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of the Cut - including its history, wildlife, bridges, bankside buildings and its role in making Bristol work. We run guided walks and events, organise riverbank clean-up sessions, publish regular newsletters and have produced a book and a wildlife leaflet. FrANC was founded in 2004. Membership is free.