

Caring for the Grand Union Canal

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for the Grand Union Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Grand Union Canal, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

The Grand Union Canal is made up of several stretches of waterway. Market Harborough Arm is one of these and branches off the Leicester Line.

The arrival of a canal to Market Harborough in 1809 boosted the fortunes of the town and the Wharf quickly became a busy distribution centre for industry. Goods such as worsted cloth, grain, bricks, beer and coal arrived on boats from around the country.

The coming of the railways sounded the death knell for canals and the waterway gradually fell into disrepair.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers



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Welcome to Market Harborough

A perfect place for a spot of gongoozling.



We're the charity making life better by water

Market Harborough, on one arm of England's longest canal, is now home to a marina. It's a great place to sit at the water's edge and watch the boats coming and going.

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  café
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  art installation
-  boat hire
-  parking
-  railway station



Visit us at:
 Union Wharf, Leicester Road,
 Market Harborough LE16 7UW

 Allow 1–2 hours
 for this visit

Stay SAFE
 Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

5 things to do at Market Harborough

- 1** Hire a day boat and discover more about the Grand Union Canal.
- 2** Take a look at 'Frank the Plank' – a sundial close to Union Wharf.
- 3** Pause for a drink and watch the narrowboats coming and going.
- 4** Enjoy a traffic-free cycle ride along the towpath to Foxton and see the finest flight of staircase locks in the country (8km/5 miles).
- 5** Walk to Market Harborough and discover the many independent shops in the town.

Did you know?

In 1950 the Inland Waterways Association held a Festival of Boats in the basin, the first event of its kind. Attended by around 100 boats, it heralded a new era for the canals.

