Caring for Hawkesbury Junction

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 Warwickshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Hawkesbury Junction, 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 todau.





Keeping history alive

Hawkesbury Junction is the meeting point of two major canals – Coventry and Oxford. Built in the late 18th century, it connected the heart of England to the capital and the south, allowing boats to travel from the Midlands to London and beyond.

Today, this historical landmark is home to a number of preserved canal buildings, including the striking Gothic-style Hawkesbury Junction Bridge. It is a popular destination for boaters and tourists and a starting point for exploring the Coventry and Oxford Canals.

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 Hawkesbury Junction

Where waters meet.



We're the charity making life better by water



5 things to do at Hawkesbury Junction

- 1 Follow part of the Centenary Way along the towpath to Bedworth (1.25 miles/2km).
- 2 Pause for a rest on one of the benches and simply enjoy being by water.
- Take to two-wheels for a traffic-free bike ride into Coventry (4.5 miles/7.2km).
- 4 Visit our welcome hub, our friendly volunteers are always happy to share what they know about the canal.
- 5 Watch the boats as they navigate their way through the lock.

Did you know?

Hawkesbury Junction is known locally as Sutton Stop, reportedly after a local family who provided several lock keepers in the 19th century.

