

## Caring for the Llangollen 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 Llangollen 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 Llangollen 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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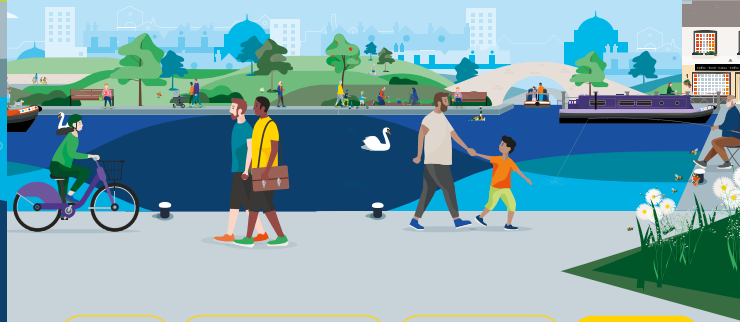
## Keeping history alive

Designed by Thomas Telford, the Llangollen Canal was originally known as the Ellesmere Canal and was Telford's last major engineering project.

The intention was to create a link between the ports of Liverpool and Bristol and create better trade routes between north-east Wales and the manufacturing heartlands of the West Midlands. While rising costs meant this ambition was never realised, several major civil engineering feats were accomplished with the creation of two 'rivers in the sky' at Chirk and Pontcysyllte.

Today, the waterway is one of the most popular canals for boaters and more boats travel along the waterway than did when it was used for industry.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)



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## Welcome to Ellesmere

Where history and wildlife  
come together.



We're the charity making life  
better by water

This charming market town stands on the banks of the Llangollen Canal. Enjoy an abundance of wildlife and history along the canal and around the Mere.



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Map not to scale:  
covers approx.  
1½ miles / 2.4km

### Find your way around

- towpath
- tunnel
- café
- pub
- food & drink
- toilets
- shopping
- bench/picnic area
- point of interest
- art installation
- nature reserve
- marina
- boat hire
- parking

Cross Street,  
Ellesmere  
SY12 0AW

Allow 2–3 hours  
for your visit

**Stay SAFE**  
**Stay Away From the Edge!**

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

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

## 5 things to do at Ellesmere

- 1** Discover the historic canal buildings and a forge that is still used today to make some of the heritage metalwork you can see along the canal.
- 2** Enjoy a picnic surrounded by nature and feel the benefit of spending time by water.
- 3** Visit the market town of Ellesmere, look out for the many events and festivals.
- 4** Watch the waterbirds at the Mere, one of Shropshire's largest meres.
- 5** Walk along to the marina, there are always plenty of colourful canal boats to see.

### Did you know?

Shropshire's meres and mosses, including those surrounding Ellesmere, were formed by the retreat of glaciers during the last ice age, some 12,000 years ago.

