

Celebrating 10 years as the charity making life better by water



**Canal &
River Trust**

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as a charity

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10 years of being at the heart of people's daily lives

The Canal & River Trust was launched on 12 July 2012. Its formation saw the largest ever transfer of public assets into the charitable sector and was the start of the next exciting phase in the 250-year story of the canal network.

Over the last decade, we have been protecting, preserving and promoting 2,000 miles of canals and rivers across England and Wales – the finest network of industrial heritage in the world.



Used and operated by boats in the same way as hundreds of years ago, today's canals are enjoying their second golden age, serving a vital role within society which the great canal engineers of the industrial revolution could never have envisaged.

Under the Trust's stewardship, the network now has more boats than ever before and is used by more people than at any time in its history. The Trust brings vital green and blue space to the doorstep of millions of people in towns and cities where access to



outdoor space is vital for improving community wellbeing and to tackle health inequalities. Over the past decade the Trust has been able to broaden its reach, engaging more deprived communities living along waterways in urban areas, making waterways inclusive and available for all.

The Trust is also ensuring the network has an important role in tackling the nation's biodiversity crisis as well as helping society mitigate the effects of a changing climate.

The formation of the Trust has seen a generational change in the way the nation's canal network is cared for – with millions of volunteer hours gifted and £millions donated to help protect and preserve them.

Together we have done a huge amount to deliver on the ambition set out for us by Government in 2012. But there is plenty still to achieve.

The latest chapter in that story is only just underway, and with the increasing support from individuals, communities and partners, we can continue to look after this incredible network so that people who spend time on our waterways are happier and healthier, nature is recovering and history is alive.

No other charity brings so much free, open and accessible blue and green space to the doorstep of so many.

With your support we can continue our work.



10 years of happier & healthier people



Boating on the
Birmingham Main
Line Canal

36,000 boats
licensed, a growth
of 10% in 10 years



Learning delivered to
800,000
children



A guesstimated
1 billion visits from
our four-legged
friends



5 million hours
given by thousands
of volunteers



c.5 billion visits

5.5 million
minutes of customer
service calls for
700k enquiries



12,000
individual
volunteers



30,000
Let's Fish!
attendees

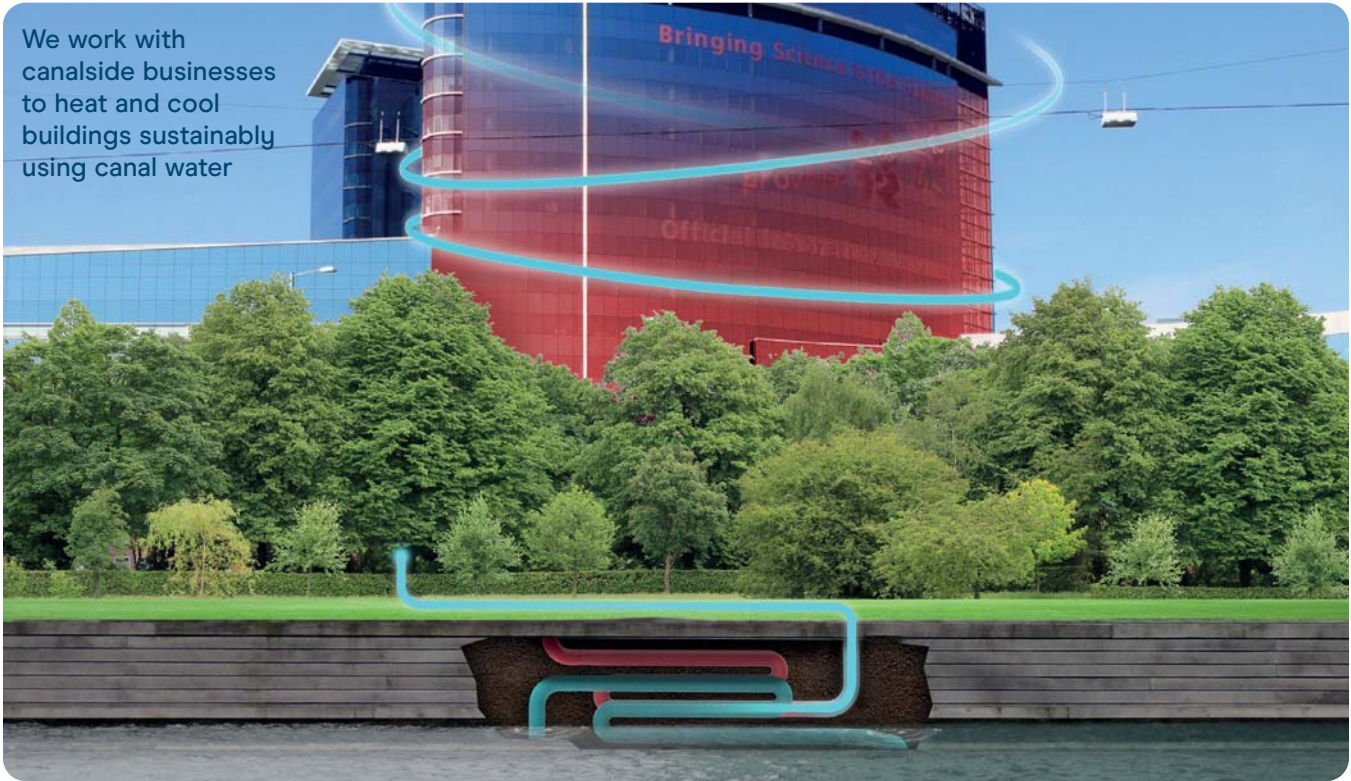


£4+ billion worth of welfare benefits
& **£1.5+ billion** contributed to the
economy each year through
our waterways and our work



10 years of tackling climate change

We work with
canalside businesses
to heat and cool
buildings sustainably
using canal water



Renewable Energy, Decarbonisation & Digital Connectivity

We operate the original and longest heat network in the country which can be used for heating and cooling



650 megawatts
of latent
thermal energy



to support the
heating and cooling
needs of around
350,000 homes



saving
1+ million
tonnes of CO₂
per year



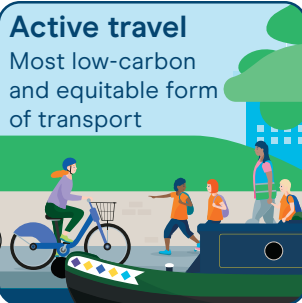


Urban cooling

Waterways can play a vital role in keeping cities cool

Active travel

Most low-carbon and equitable form of transport



Supplies enough water for:

5 million homes
plus industrial processes and
agricultural irrigation purposes,
of up to **295,000 ML** annually

10 years of helping nature recover



Canals play a vital role in bringing biodiversity into our towns and cities. In Nottingham we worked alongside volunteers from Coca-Cola Europacific Partners to install floating reed beds and this included a 10k charitable donation from them.



Home to iconic, protected species and everyday wildlife

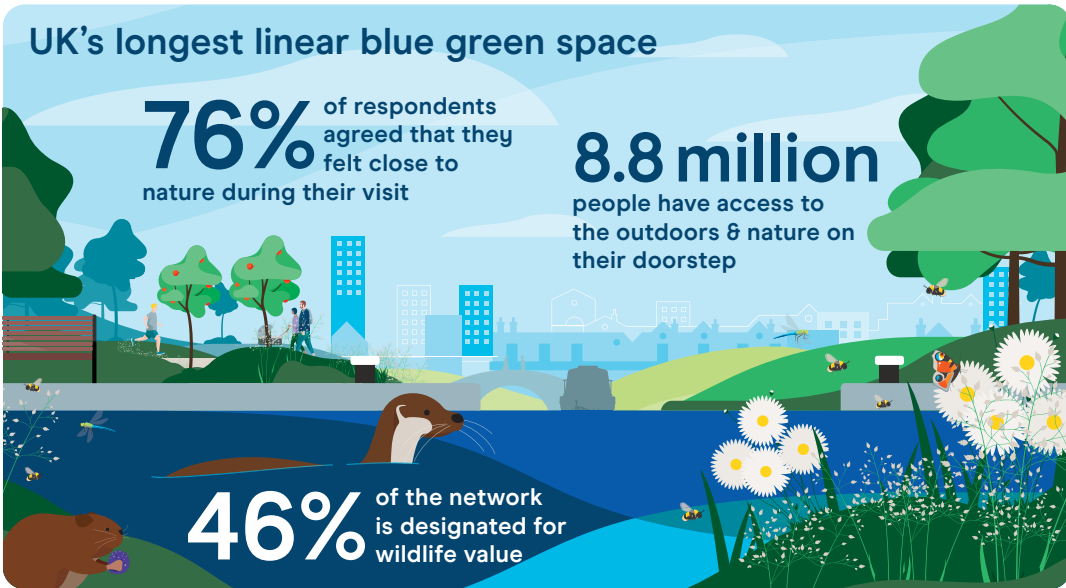


An integral part of the UK's Nature Recovery Network, with 70 SSSIs and 1,000+ county wildlife sites

Waterway corridors link isolated wildlife habitats – a big boost for biodiversity




'Plastics Challenge' campaign and 500+ environmental improvement activities



UK's longest linear blue green space

76% of respondents agreed that they felt close to nature during their visit

8.8 million people have access to the outdoors & nature on their doorstep


46% of the network is designated for wildlife value



UNLOCKING THE SEVERN

Ground-breaking **£20 million** fish pass installed

Providing habitats in areas of highly constrained blue and green space



708 kms (440 miles) of waterways awarded **Green Flag**



10 years of keeping history alive

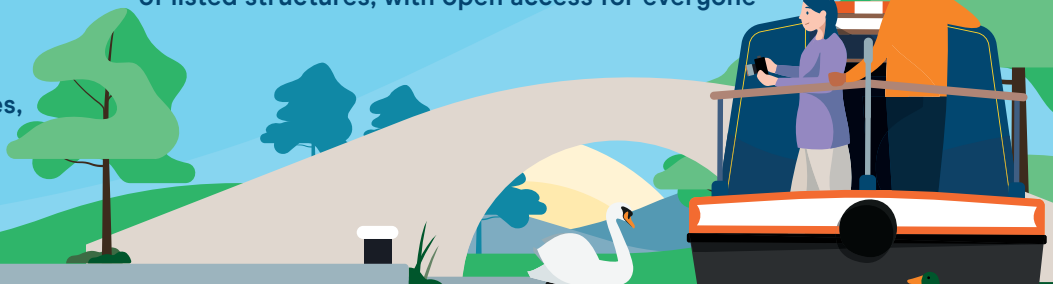


Our learning by the canal programme, Explorers, captures the imagination of children in Kirkstall, Leeds & Liverpool Canal

79%

of respondents agreed that canals help to make the cities, towns & countryside along them better places to live

The nation's third largest estate of listed structures, with open access for everyone



2,707 Listed Buildings

304 Conservation Areas

6 Historic Battlefields

46 Scheduled Ancient Monuments

7 Historic Parks and Gardens

4 World Heritage Sites

Urban Industrial Heritage

Focus for Regeneration & Investment

Amenity Value

83% of those who live within 1km agree that their local waterway is important to their local area

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RIBA LONDON AWARD
2019

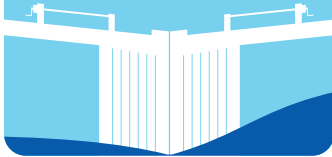
Award winning schemes

10 years of care & maintenance

A unique skills set enables us to carry out essential maintenance work to our historic assets throughout the year. Lock gate replacement on the Caen Hill Flight, Kennet & Avon Canal.



Managed water levels every single day, feeding enough water, but not too much, to keep boats afloat and to facilitate almost 37 million lockages



Over 1 million tonnes of silt dredged across hundreds of sites and miles of waterway



Over 600 projects completed to support wildlife and improve the environment



11,225 projects to protect and preserve the network have been assessed first to safeguard the heritage and environment



500 miles of towpaths upgraded – a quarter of our network

Around **1,500** hand-made lock gate leaves made and replaced – helping keep our waterways open and navigable

10 years of raising funds & support



Trust fundraisers building our community of Friends in Little Venice, London

1.2 million
supporters



£45 million
raised through
donations and legacies



0.5 million
Facebook
followers



£710 million
income earned
through our
trading activities



£1.5 billion
invested in core charitable activities

£480 million
income earned through investments

£690 million raised through
charitable activities

10 years of passion, happiness & wellbeing



**Running
through the
heart of our
towns and
cities**



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct,
Llangollen Canal

**Connecting
with our
countryside**

And 10 years of ensuring our canals never again fall into disrepair

Our historic canal network is fragile and vulnerable. Climate change, and the test of time, are taking their toll.

As a charity, we urgently need more donations and volunteers alongside a continuation of adequate government funding to ensure our canals can survive and prosper.

In the mid-20th century many canals were abandoned and almost lost forever.



*National Waterways Archive,
Canal & River Trust (BW192/3/2/1/2/10)*

Today, under the guardianship of Canal & River Trust, canals are thriving and play a vital role in the community. But they demand constant care. With costs rising as more intense and extreme weather impacts, and without sufficient funds, they will once again fall into decline.



The devastating picture of what could happen without adequate funding.

Individuals, communities, nature and the planet would lose a vital space, which can never be replaced.

This is why we are urging people to **#ActNowforCanals**



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For our boaters, paddlers, anglers and towpath users; Friends, donors and volunteers; colleagues, partners and contractors; neighbouring residents and local businesses; national governments, combined and local authorities; wildlife lovers, gongoozlers and waterway enthusiasts everywhere.

Thank you for 10 years of supporting Canal & River Trust.

We're looking forward to continuing to make a difference together over the next 10 years.

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