



Explorers

Celebrating the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games & Our Waterways



What are the Commonwealth Games?

- The Games are an international multi-sport event for members of the Commonwealth.
- 72 nations and territories are going to compete in 19 different types of sports.
- There will be more than 250 events in total.



19
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sports



The Commonwealth Games in the West Midlands



- We are so excited that the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held across the West Midlands from 28th July to 8th August.
- The Games take place every **four** years.
- They happen in a different location each time.



Welcome to Birmingham

and the West Midlands



- Because many events are within easy reach of our canal network, we're hoping lots of people will make use of the waterways and towpaths during this time.
- Canals are a great way to move around the city or simply to spend time relaxing by the water.



This video will show you around:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnjfJeMCS1E

Some Venues Close to Canals



Alexander Stadium
Athletics

Sandwell Aquatics Centre
Aquatics

University of Birmingham
Squash & Hockey

Arena Birmingham
Gymnastics

Smithfield
Basketball & Volleyball

Coventry Stadium
Rugby & Wrestling

Victoria Park
Lawn Bowls

Many venues are close to the canal networks in and around the West Midlands. The canals are indicated by the blue lines on the map.

Royal Leamington Spa

4 Million Visitors

- We can't wait to welcome new visitors to Birmingham and the West Midlands but we know that all these people could have a big impact on the area.



How do you think 4 million visitors will impact the Birmingham area and the waterways?



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- We want this to be the most environmentally friendly Games ever!
- We'd like people to use the canal networks with kindness and respect by...

1. Walking and cycling instead of using cars and buses.
2. Not dropping litter.
3. Being kind to other users of the canal network.



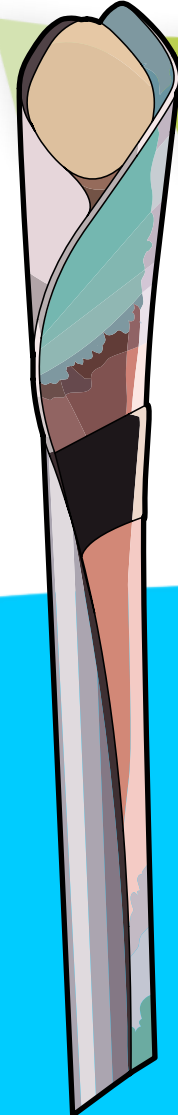
Even the Queen's Baton has been designed with the **environment** in mind...



The Queen's Baton



- Before each Commonwealth Games a specially designed 'Queen's Baton' travels in a [relay around the world](#).
- It visits all 72 nations and territories that will take part in the Games.
- The 2022 Baton is extra special because it has been made in Birmingham from sustainable materials – it even has sensors to monitor the environment!



This video will show you more about how it was made:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=s41BFPgjDsU



Join the fun!



- There are many ways to join in the fun. Our website has lots of ideas for #GamesOn

- Hold your own baton relay event with your group.
- Make a Commonwealth calendar.
- Design a Commonwealth medal.
- Make a celebration flag.

