## Caring for Middlewich's canals

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



The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Trent 8 Mersey 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.





## Keeping history alive

Middlewich is located on the confluence of three rivers – the Dane, the Croco and the Wheelock, and three canals – the Shropshire Union, Trent & Mersey and Wardle. The canals linked the town with local, regional and world markets. As well as salt, Middlewich was noted for its dairy products and the production of silk.

The number of wharves in the town are testament to the importance of Middlewich as a port and trading place during the Industrial Revolution.

**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 Middlewich

Explore this once busy trading port.



We're the charity making life better by water

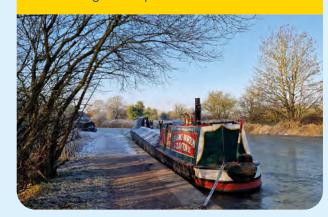
Middlewich is located on the junctions of three Big Lock canals and three rivers and Big Lock Footbridge 172A was once famous for the production of salt. Visit us at: Civic Way, Holmes Chapel Road Middlewich CW11 1HZ Allow 2-3 hours Town for your visit Bridge 172 Town centre Whar Find your Middlewich 3 Locks way around Barbridge Etten's Road towpath Junction Footbridge 29A St Anne's Bridge 31 Wright's Bridge 169 food & drink <sup>copshire</sup> Union King's Lock Bridge 167 Etten's toilets Long Lane Bridge 29 Lock Bridge 30 King's Lock W shopping St Anne's Ave plau area Hauhurst Avenue boat hire parking Sandbach Map not to scale: covers approx. Stau SAFE 1¼ miles / 2km Stay Away From the Edge! For more information on visiting

#### 5 things to do at Middlewich

- Stroll along the Wardle Canal, at just 154ft (47m) long it is the shortest canal in the country.
- Follow the Middlewich Canal and Salt Trail.
- Enjoy a picnic on the banks of the canal and feel the benefits of spending time by water.
- Visit the historic town with its manu events and independent shops.
- Chat to our friendly volunteer lock keepers, they'll tell you more about the history of the waterway and what you can do in the area.

### Did you know?

Middlewich was founded by the Romans who gave it the name Salinae because of its surrounding salt deposits.



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