

A three-story brick building with a mix of arched and rectangular windows. A large, leafy tree is on the right side of the building. The ground in front is grassy. The text 'Canalside' is in a large, white, sans-serif font, and 'FUNCTION ROOMS' is in a smaller, white, all-caps, sans-serif font below it.

Canalside

FUNCTION ROOMS

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The Canalside Function Rooms are housed in a beautifully restored Grade II listed 19th-century building and offer high-quality facilities in a unique dockside setting.

Situated within the heart of the National Waterways Museum – our function rooms provide a truly distinctive venue.

With a unique atmosphere and striking waterside views, it's the perfect location for everything from conferences and board meetings to larger functions.

Our offer:

- Well-equipped, versatile rooms for meetings, workshops, and presentations
- Flexible room and catering packages
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Ample free parking, including accessible and coach bays
- Complimentary museum entry for all delegates, plus a 'Come Back for Free' voucher
- Optional guided tours of the museum and surrounding area*
- On-site Electric Charging Hub with rapid chargers (full charge in as little as 30 minutes)*
**additional cost*

To make an enquiry, please complete our online booking form or call us on: **0151 355 5017**
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/nwm/venue-hire

Refreshments & Food

Refreshments:

- Coffee, tea and biscuits on arrival: £3.00pp.
- Half day refreshment package: £6.50pp.
- Full day refreshment package: £8.50pp.

Food:

- Breakfast: £5.00 pp.
- Buffet Lunch: £11.95 pp.

**see website for menus*

Waterside Café: Delegates are welcome to visit the museum's onsite Waterside Café to enjoy freshly prepared sandwiches, snacks and light meals.

Dietary Requirements: We cater for vegan and vegetarian guests. Please inform us of any dietary requirements or allergies when booking. Whilst we do our best to accommodate dietary needs, we are unable to customise buffet menus to individual preferences.

Make it a day to remember!

For team building and away-days, guided tours can be pre-booked at a cost of £3pp.

Boat Trips are also available to pre-book. Capacity: 12 people per trip @ £5pp.

Rooms & Spaces



Foyer

Step into a spacious entrance hall featuring an impressive wooden memorial panel.



Waterfront Lounge

Located on the second floor this bright, airy space is ideal for welcoming guests.



The Basuto Suite

A light-filled, versatile room with stunning views over the Manchester Ship Canal and Mersey Estuary (up to 40 people).



The Tom Rolt Suite

A dramatic space with original beams, fairy lights and veiled walls. Perfect for seminars, celebrations and large gatherings (up to 100 people).

Private Functions & Celebrations

Celebrate life's big moments in a setting like no other. From milestone birthdays to retirement parties, the Canalside Function Rooms provide a memorable backdrop for your special occasion. Ask our booking team about exclusive venue weekend hire including a licensed bar.

Canalside Tavern

Our fully licensed, staffed tavern is available for private hire, ideal for celebrations and social events.

Room Hire

We offer a full range of room and catering packages to meet your specific requirements starting from room hire only. Our booking team will work with you to find the right combination to suit your needs.

Prices

Hourly room hire	£40ph
Half-day room hire (4 hours)	£125
Full-day room hire (8 hours)	£200
Out-of-hours fee (applicable for bookings starting/ending outside of museum hours: 9am-5pm)	£40ph

Ready to book?

To make an enquiry or a booking, please complete our online booking form or call us on 0151 355 5017. We look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the Canalside Function Rooms.

Accessibility

We strive to be accessible to all visitors. Our setting – in a historic canal dock complex – means there are some uneven pathways, but there is level access to the Canalside Function Rooms, café, shop and most galleries within the museum. Key accessibility features are listed on our website.

Getting Here

Address: National Waterways Museum, South Pier Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 4FW

What3Words: ///hobby.dining.vibes

By car: a minutes' drive away from Junction 9 of the M53 (follow the brown signs to the 'Boat Museum').

Free parking: Ample free parking, including accessible and coach bays, plus on-site electric charging hub.

By train: Ellesmere Port Railway Station is a 15-minute walk away

By bus: the bus station is a 20-minute walk away.

There is also access via the canal and its towpath for boaters, cyclists and walkers.

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Wedding & Events Venue

Located within the historic grounds of the National Waterways Museum, the Canalside Function Rooms are cared for by the Canal and River Trust charity.