

Where does the water come from?

The water at Coventry Canal Basin comes mainly from the North Oxford Canal, through Hawkesbury Junction 5½ miles away

As well as water coming through the stop-lock at Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury Sluice allows water to flow directly from the Oxford to the Coventry Canal.

This water also fills the Ashby Canal, which lost its reservoir when the north end of the canal was closed due to mining subsidence.

The water may come from the River Swift near Rugby, and from reservoirs north of Daventry and Banbury

Feeders (diverted streams) bring water into the pound further north,

and when necessary water can be pumped up from Griff Brook into the canal

At Hawkesbury Junction Stop Lock, the sluice (right) allows water from the Oxford Canal into the Coventry Canal

Coventry Canal Basin is the southernmost part of a 37 mile pound (canal length with no locks) extending to Atherstone Locks and including the entire Ashby Canal

Some water from this pound flows down past Atherstone Locks to the lower level



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