

## Caring for Staffordshire'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 Staffordshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.

DONATE



Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Great Haywood Junction, 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.

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## Keeping history alive

In the 1700s canal engineer James Brindley had a vision, 'the Grand Cross' – a network of canals linking England's four main estuaries: Thames, Severn, Mersey and Humber. Great Haywood was an important junction in this new network.

The main route in Brindley's vision was the creation of the Trent & Mersey Canal, a 93 mile (150km) long waterway linking the ports of Liverpool and Hull via the rivers Trent and Mersey. This new canal met the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal at Great Haywood, which gave boats onward access to the River Severn.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)

Enjoy

Take Action

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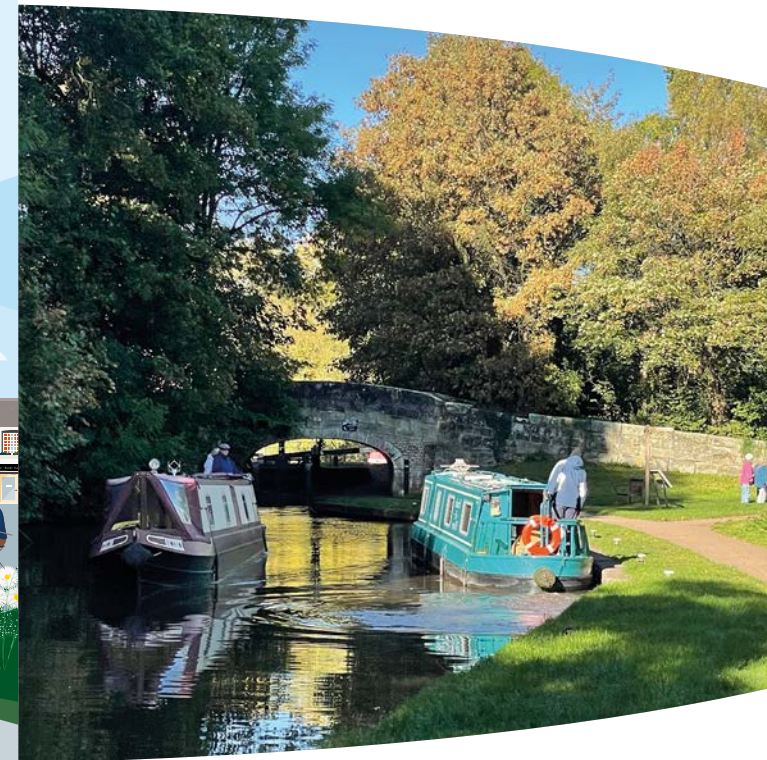
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## Welcome to Great Haywood Junction

Where two great canals meet.




We're the charity making life better by water

Great Haywood Junction was built as an interchange between two major canals – the Trent & Mersey and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire. When it opened, it became a major trade link for the Potteries through Birmingham to the docks in Bristol.

**Visit us at:**

Mill Lane, Great Haywood,  
Staffordshire ST18 0RQ

 Allow 1-2 hours  
for your visit



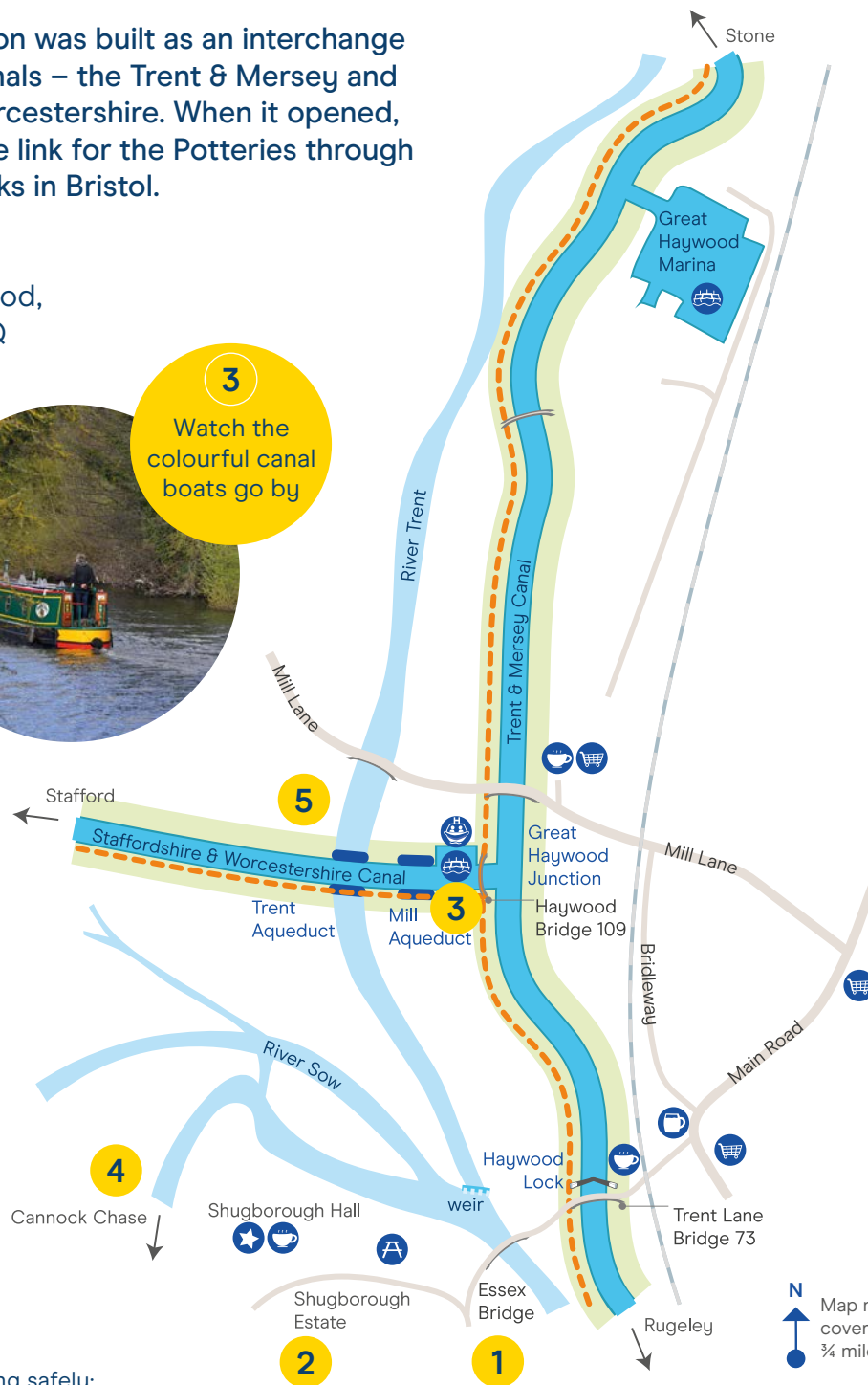
**3** Watch the  
colourful canal  
boats go by

**Find your  
way around**

-  towpath
-  aqueduct
-  café
-  pub
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  boat hire
-  marina

**Stay SAFE**  
Stay Away From the Edge!

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)



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## 5 things to do at Great Haywood Junction

- 1** Enjoy a walk over Essex Bridge, reportedly built in the 1550s so Queen Elizabeth I could visit the Earl of Essex at Chartley Castle.
- 2** Walk along the towpath and over the river to Shugborough Estate.
- 3** Spend time relaxing by the water and watching the colourful canal boats go by.
- 4** Enjoy a traffic-free cycle along the canal towpath to Cannock Chase.
- 5** Take a stroll over the aqueduct where the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal crosses over the River Trent.

### Did you know?

The Grade II 'roving' or turnover bridge is an ingenious device which removed the need for horses to be unhitched from the boat when the towpath changed from one side of the canal to the other.



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