

Caring for the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal

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

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Please support
our work &
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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Maunsel Lock, 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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Making life better by water

Keeping history alive

The Bridgwater & Taunton Canal was originally planned as part of an ambitious system of canals linking Exeter with Bristol to remove the need for boats to navigate the perilous route around Land's End.

The Bridgwater & Taunton Canal, which was the first canal in this scheme, opened in 1827. Unfortunately, the remainder of the project was then abandoned.

Discover lots of fun things to do
with the family by and on the water.
Go to canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers

Enjoy

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Welcome to Maunsel Lock


An important wetland habitat.
















We're the charity making life
better by water

Once a hub of boats plying their trade, the canal today is an important wetland habitat.

Visit us at:
 Maunsel Lock Canal Centre,
 Bankland, North Newton
 TA7 0DH

 Allow 1–2 hours for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  café
-  toilets
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  art installation
-  information
-  trip boat
-  boat hire
-  paddleboarding
-  canoeing
-  canoe launch
-  parking



5 things to do at Maunsel Lock

- 1** Take a stroll along the restored canal.
- 2** Chat with our friendly volunteers who are helping to look after this waterway.
- 3** Enjoy a picnic and feel the benefit of being by water.
- 4** Explore the Somerset Space Walk – scale models of the planets are positioned along the canal to represent the solar system.
- 5** Spot the wildlife that can be found along the canal including kingfishers, herons and damselflies.

Did you know?

During the Second World War, Maunsel Lock formed a line of defence known as the Wessex Stop (or Taunton) Line. All swing bridges along the canal were removed, and a series of pillboxes were installed.

