

## Caring for the Grand Union 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 London's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Hanwell Lock Flight, 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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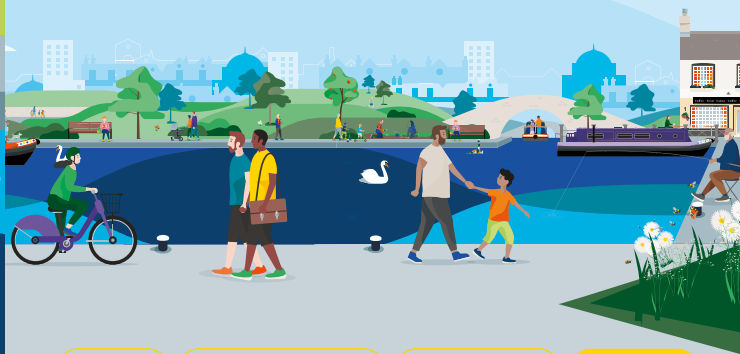
## Keeping history alive

The Grand Union Canal was the M1 of its day, connecting London with Birmingham. Canal engineer William Jessop was responsible for designing the Hanwell Flight of locks.

Built in 1794, as part of one of the first stretches of the new waterway, the series of six locks is now a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

On one side of the canal there are ponds to supply the locks with water. On the opposite side is a long Victorian brick wall separating the towpath from St Bernard's Hospital.

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)



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## Welcome to Hanwell

Enjoy a country walk in the city.




We're the charity making life better by water

Connecting the River Brent to the rest of the canal system, Hanwell's flight of six locks is a world away from the city's busy streets.

**Visit us at:**

Restricted parking,  
Hanwell Lock Flight,  
Green Lane, Ealing W7 2PJ

 Allow 1–2 hours  
for your visit

**Find your way around**

-  towpath
-  pub
-  bench/picnic area
-  point of interest
-  Elizabeth Line station
-  railway station



**5 things to do at Hanwell**

- 1** **Watch** the boats passing through the locks; it can take 1¼ hours to make their way from the top to the bottom.
- 2** **Spot** the old canal features – the lock keeper's cottages, bollards made from tree trunks and a ramp to help horses out of the canal when they fell in.
- 3** **Enjoy** a traffic-free cycle ride along the towpath to where the canal joins the River Thames (1.8 miles/3km).
- 4** **See** if you can find the filled in arch in St Bernard's Hospital wall – this is where coal was delivered for the hospital boilers.
- 5** **Enjoy** a relaxing few moments bird watching – you could see herons.

**Did you know?**  
Three Bridges (Windmill Bridge) was designed by renowned engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. It is in fact one road bridge, one canal aqueduct and a railway cutting intersecting on three levels.

