

Caring for the Shropshire 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 the Shropshire Union Canal and many more places, for today and generations to come.

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Please support our work & donate today

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The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including the Shropshire Union Canal, 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 'Shropshire Union main line' links Ellesmere Port on the River Mersey with the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal in Wolverhampton. This was the last major civil engineering accomplishment of Thomas Telford.

What we know as the Shropshire Union Canal is actually three canals – the Ellesmere Canal, Birmingham & Liverpool Junction Canal and the Montgomeryshire Canal – which came together in 1847 to form the Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company.

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

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Welcome to Audlem


A gateway to walks, water and wildlife.













We're the charity making life better by water

This pretty canalside village surrounded by wildlife is famous for its 15 locks which raise the Shropshire Union Canal 93ft (28m) over 1.5 miles (2.4km).

Visit us at:
Audlem Mill, Shropshire Street,
Audlem, Crewe CW3 0DX

 Allow 2 hours for your visit

Find your way around

-  towpath
-  aqueduct
-  café
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  point of interest
-  marina
-  water taxi
-  parking

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

For more information on visiting safely:
canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.



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Map not to scale:
covers approx.
1½ mile / 12.4k

5 things to do at Audlem

- 1** Walk along the towpath and watch boats passing through the flight of locks.
- 2** Stroll around the village of Audlem with its black and white timber buildings and 13th century church.
- 3** Catch the water taxi from Audlem to the marina (weekends and bank holidays, Easter – October).
- 4** Visit Audlem Mill Craft Centre and Canal Shop, once a corn mill served by the canal.
- 5** Enjoy the wildlife along the canal – Canada Geese, swans, coots, moorhens, herons and ducks are frequently seen.

Did you know?

The main line between Nantwich and Autherley Junction was almost built as a railway before being built as a canal.

