

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 the Grand Union Canal 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 the Grand 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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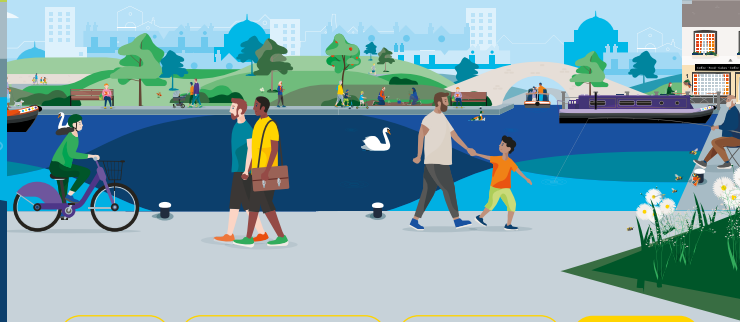
Keeping history alive

When constructing the canal, engineer William Jessop needed to overcome the challenge of crossing the river valley near Wolverton.

A series of locks were first installed as a temporary measure until the brick aqueduct opened in 1805. Unfortunately, this aqueduct collapsed in 1808 and the locks were re-opened.

Having seen cast iron being used for other aqueducts, including at Pontcysyllte in Wales, canal engineer Benjamin Bevan decided to use this material to construct the new aqueduct, which was completed in 1811. This aqueduct is still in daily use today.

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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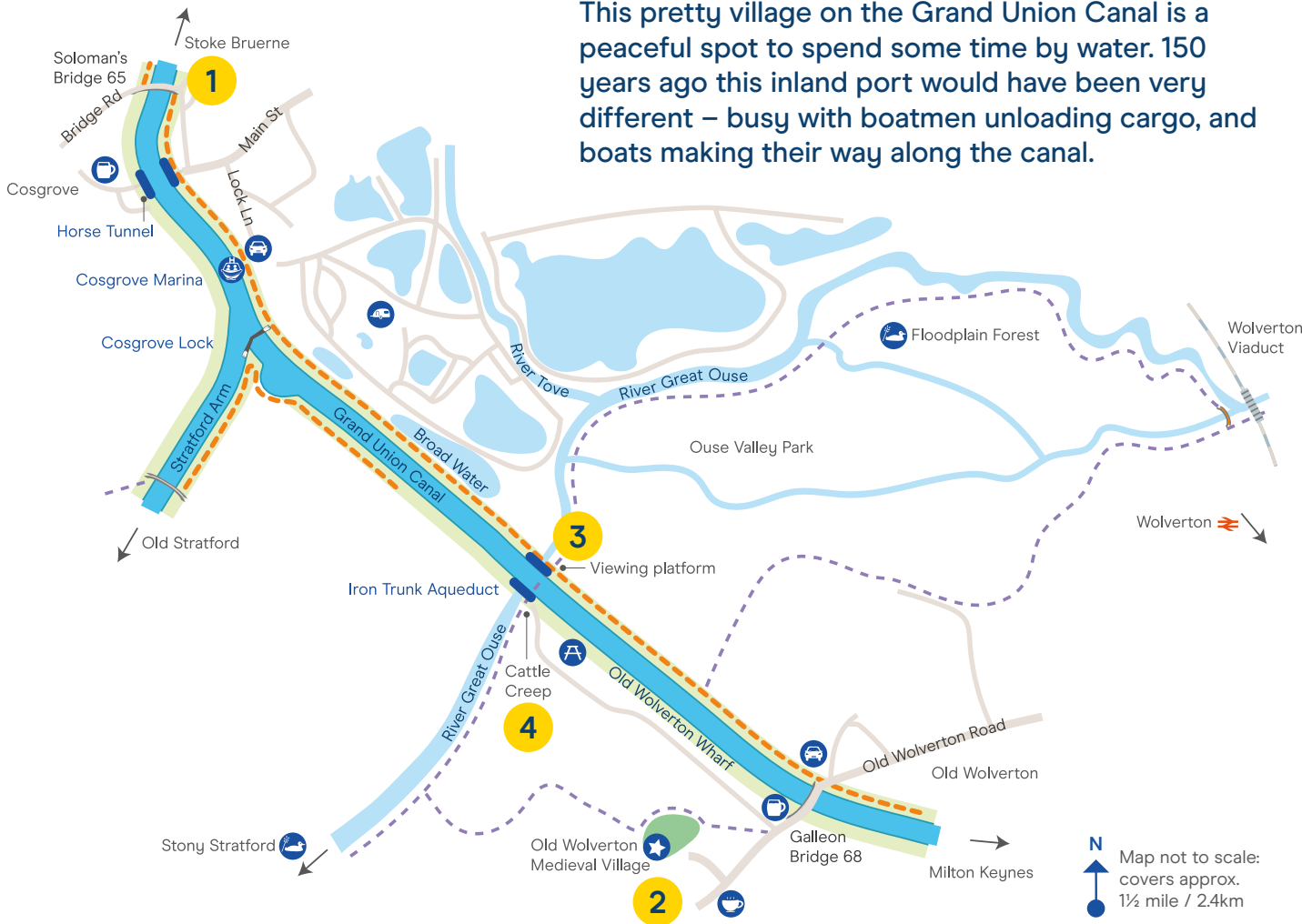
Welcome to Cosgrove & Wolverton

Bridges, tunnels and an aqueduct.



We're the charity making life better by water

This pretty village on the Grand Union Canal is a peaceful spot to spend some time by water. 150 years ago this inland port would have been very different – busy with boatmen unloading cargo, and boats making their way along the canal.



Find your way around

- towpath
- walk trail
- aqueduct
- café
- pub
- bench/picnic area
- point of interest
- nature reserve
- boat hire
- caravan park
- parking
- railway station

Visit us at:

Lock Lane, Cosgrove MK19 7JR or
Old Wolverton Road, Wolverton MK12 5NL

Allow 1–2 hours
for your visit

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5 things to do at Cosgrove & Wolverton

- 1** See the Ornamental Bridge just after the horse tunnel beneath the canal in Cosgrove – when the canal was built in the 1790s the landowner insisted on an attractive bridge.
- 2** Enjoy the walk along the towpath from Cosgrove and explore the Medieval village of Wolverton (0.6 miles/1km).
- 3** Pause at the viewing platform on the towpath and admire the magnificent Iron Trunk Aqueduct which takes the canal across the river valley.
- 4** Look for the cattle creep beneath the aqueduct, built so cattle could pass to the fields on the other side of the canal.
- 5** Find the old lock gates beside the footpath below the canal, the last remaining evidence of the original valley crossing.

Did you know?

Horse Tunnel beneath the canal at Cosgrove is a Grade II listed structure. The horseshoe shaped tunnel was built to enable horses to cross from one side of the canal to the other.

