Caring for Oxford 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 Oxfordshire'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 Oxford 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.





Keeping history alive

Designed by canal engineer James Brindley, the Oxford Canal was one of the first canals to be constructed. It was opened in sections between 1774 and 1790, and is a classic example of a 'contour' canal – it follows the contours of the land to avoid obstacles such as hills.

While contour canals were easier to build, their big drawback were transit times. In the 1830s Marc Brunel and William Cubitt used developments in engineering to straighten Brindley's original line.

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

Volunteer



Welcome to **Thrupp**

Enjoy peaceful walks along one of the prettiest canals.



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5 things to do at Thrupp

- 1 Stroll along the towpath past the charming rose-covered canalside cottages.
- Pause and watch the colourful narrowboats making their way along the canal.
- **3 Take** a look at the 'drawbridge' or lift bridge across the canal.
- **4 Enjoy** a picnic, or tea and cakes, and feel the benefit of being by water.
- 5 Follow the towpath, part of the Oxford Canal Walk, to Shipton-on-Cherwell, the artist William Turner is buried in the churchyard here (0.6miles/1km).

Did you know?

The row of canal cottages used to be called Salt Row. It has been suggested that they were once used to store salt which was carried along the canal.

