

# Terms & Conditions

## for use of casual and visitor towpath moorings in Stoke Bruerne, Grand Union Canal

### Purpose of the terms and conditions

To achieve fair sharing of limited mooring space and maximum benefit to the local community in this popular Northamptonshire village.

### Overview of mooring arrangements

The towpath between Blisworth Tunnel and the waterpoint near Lock 20 is divided into zones reflecting their relative popularity and proximity to local pubs, the Canal Museum and other services. Following general principles, longer time limits have been allocated to zones on the outer edge of the area, whilst shorter time limits apply to zones where a greater turnaround of boats will deliver the most benefit. Time limits are signed on towpath posts along the towpath verge and explanatory signs are located at either end of the Stoke Bruerne mooring area.

The signed time limits indicate the maximum length of stay within a zone during any one visit. There is also a limit to the total number of days that your boat may spend within the area in any one calendar month without payment.

An extended stay charge of £25 (including VAT at the standard rate) per day applies if your boat does not move on after the maximum stay time in a zone for a single visit, or if your boat does not move on after 7 consecutive days in the mooring area, or if it spends more than 10 days in total in the mooring area in any one calendar month. This charge reflects our costs of keeping the visitor moorings available.

Visitor mooring rangers record daily the index number, date, time and location of each moored boat. This information is the basis for the calculation of extended stay charges as detailed below. Information detailing the zones and time limits within the area is published in leaflet form, on local signs and on our website. Reasonable efforts will be made to contact the boat's licence holder to give warning and notification of extended stay charges. This may be by phone or text or a written communication delivered to the boat. It is however your responsibility to keep track of the time limit and move

on without waiting for a notification.

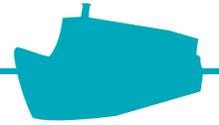
In exceptional circumstances (and in accordance with Schedule 2 of the licence terms and conditions), we may give permission for a boat to stay in the visitor moorings area longer than the time allowed. You must apply for authorisation from the local Enforcement Officer, who can be contacted via Canal and River Trust Customer Services on 0303 040 4040. Extended stay charges may still apply.

Please note, these Terms and Conditions may be suspended during special events, but only by our express permission. In these cases, notices will be posted on the Stoppages/Restrictions pages of our website [waterscape.com/stoppages](https://waterscape.com/stoppages)

Holiday Hire boats displaying a valid business licence will be exempt from the number of visits in a calendar month limit but must adhere to all other conditions. Roving Traders displaying a valid business licence may stay in a two day zone for four days but must adhere to all other conditions. Only two Roving Traders may moor in a zone at any one time. Breasted up trade boats count as one on a visitor mooring at Stoke Bruerne visitor moorings, but boats that travel as a pair **MUST** remain breasted up as a pair on a 2 day visitor mooring (where space permits). This is so that the 'only two trading boats at a time' rule does not result in one trader having an unfair advantage by occupying the 2 trading boat spaces for the duration of their 4 day stay.

Relaxation of stay times may apply in some zones during winter. Any changes to time limits will be signed on the towpath posts.

Extended stay charges will be invoiced monthly and recorded on your boat licence account. Your account must be paid in full within 28 days. Debts will be recovered through our normal processes which may include obtaining a County Court judgement.



# Definitions & Clarifications

**Area time limit:** the maximum total number of days that a boat may spend anywhere in the visitor moorings area in any one visit

**Arrival time:** the arrival time is recorded as the time at which the ranger first records the boat within a zone.

**Monthly time limit:** the maximum total number of days that a boat may spend anywhere in the visitor moorings area in any one calendar month

**Visitor mooring ranger:** the person whom we have trained and authorised to record boats moored along the length on a daily basis and to deliver reminder letters to boats at our request. Ranger visits may take place at any time of the day.

**Recorded stay time:** is measured by the number of nights between the first and latest sighting. A boat recorded at any time on two consecutive days will be treated as having stayed for one whole day and a single sighting of a boat on one day only will also be recorded as a one day visit.

**Winter:** 1st November to the day before Good Friday.

**Stoke Bruerne area:** Visitor moorings between Blisworth Tunnel and the waterpoint near Lock 20 on the Grand Union Canal.

**Visit:** any period when the boat is tied up and not navigating.

**We/ our:** The Canal & River Trust

**You/yours:** the boat's licence holder, or person in charge of the boat with the licence holder's consent.

**Zone time limit:** the maximum number of days that a boat may spend within the zone on any one visit.

**Zone:** a length within the visitor mooring area with a specified time limit

## Useful contacts :

Canal & River Trust Customer Services  
T 0303 040 4040 Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm.  
Calls charged at local rate.  
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W [canalrivertrust.org.uk/mooring](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/mooring)

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