



## **Rebuilding 34 miles of sustainable Canal between Hereford and Gloucester**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **H&G CT Open Day at Newent and Oxenhall Canal Restoration site: Saturday 10 September**

Everyone is invited to come along to an H&G Canal Trust Open Day on Saturday 10 September, from 11.00 onwards, to find out more about our plans for Newent Station. Visitors can walk along the newly created path through the old Willows nursery, on through the woods skirting the Ell Brook and finish at the station.

A recently-acquired section of the Canal route southwards from Oxenhall links the site to Newent's old station, on the east side of the town. The plan is to restore the station platforms, which are still in situ, and run the Canal between the platforms. An original footbridge, which has been stored on site, will be restored to its former glory and a tea room and visitor centre will be built in the original style of the former station building.

Arrangements for off-road car parking and refreshments will be available adjacent to the site.

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#### **Editors' Notes**

Date: Saturday 10 September, 11.00 onwards  
Place: Newent and Oxenhall Canal Open Day  
Facilities: Off-road Car Parking and Refreshments adjacent to the Site

H&G Canal Trust's objective is to rebuild the 34-mile canal from Hereford to Gloucester which connects to the national 2,500-mile inland waterway network. The intention is to provide a financially sustainable independent Canal which does not require support from public bodies or other charities for its future operation and maintenance. The Trust has major restoration sites in both counties, which together extend to over four miles, and plans to progress several other developments in the near future.

The Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal took 53 years to build and was completed in 1845, making it the last major route built in Britain. The canal stretched for 34 miles from the River Severn at Gloucester, via Newent, Dymock and Ledbury to the city of Hereford, using twenty two locks and three tunnels. The canal was formally closed in 1881 to allow construction of the Ledbury to Gloucester railway which in turn was closed by Dr Beeching in 1964.

The Canal Society was formed in 1983 and in 1992 became the Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal Trust, a registered charity. H&G CT has an ordinary and corporate growing membership of nearly 1,400 nationwide and abroad. The Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal Trust is a non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee (no 2704407) and is a registered charity (no 1010721).

#### **Low res images attached:**

H&G Canal Trust logo  
Newent: Artist's impression of Station with Canal  
Oxenhall: Oxenhall Lock and Cottage, restored in 1990

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