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COMMUNITY HELPS CARE FOR LOCAL CANAL

A stretch of the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes has been given a makeover thanks to the residents of Woughton Parish Council.

The volunteers spent a day helping the Canal & River Trust – the charity that cares for waterways in England & Wales - repair sections of towpath near bridge 90B by filling in potholes with gravel to help create a puddle free walking route to the centre of Milton Keynes.

Sonny King, volunteer leader for the Canal & River Trust, said: “Canals and rivers are a terrific resource to have on our doorstep and we only hope more people follow the lead of groups like this in caring for their local waterway.

“The volunteers have done a brilliant job and worked really hard all day helping to improve the towpath. Most of our time and money is spent on major priority repairs like repairing locks, bridges, aqueducts and towpaths, so the work of our amazing volunteers is essential and brings huge and equally vital benefits.”

For more information on the work of the Canal & River Trust visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

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Notes to editors:

The Canal & River Trust is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales, caring for the nation’s third largest collection of listed structures, as well as museums, archives, and hundreds of important wildlife sites.

We believe that *living waterways transform places and enrich lives* and our role is to make sure there is always a place on your doorstep where you can escape the pressures of everyday life, stretch your legs and simply feel closer to nature.

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