



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **WINNERS OF WATERWAY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

The winner of a photographic competition launched by the Canal & River Trust, and supported by camera retailer Jessops, to capture the beauty of the Kennet & Avon and Bridgwater & Taunton canals has been announced.

The winning photo titled 'Golden Bridge' by local photographer known as Bread and Shutter was one of over 140 photos submitted to the competition which aimed to depict 'Life on the Waterways' across the region. The runner up was 'Captain Cat' by Fiona Turnbull.

All the pictures submitted as part of the competition will be used by the Canal & River Trust to promote and showcase the beauty of the region's canals and encourage visitors to explore their wonderful local waterway and volunteer their time to help look after them.

Cared for by the Canal & River Trust, the Kennet & Avon and Bridgwater & Taunton canals are havens for people and wildlife, with over 15 million visits made to their towpaths by boaters, walkers, cyclists and anglers.

Caroline Robson, from the Canal & River Trust, said: "We had a fantastic response to our first ever photo competition on the Kennet & Avon and Bridgwater & Taunton canals and it was a really tough job whittling down the entries to pick just one winner.

"Our canals are beautiful places to visit and work along but there are some people who have never experienced the wonders of the region's waterways before. It'll be great if people see these pictures and want to come and explore the waterways and see for themselves just how vibrant and wonderful they are. And as a charity, if anyone wants to help us improve these spaces then we're always on the lookout for more support."

To view a the gallery of the winning images including the runner up photos visit

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/kennet-and-avon-waterways/spring-photography-competition-winner-announced>

For more information on the Canal & River Trust including how you can volunteer and donate money to support the work we do visit [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

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### **Notes to editors:**

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