



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COMMUNITY GROUP DONATES £2,500 TO CANAL CHARITY**

The charity, the Canal & River Trust, has recently received a generous donation of £2,500 from Bradford on Avon Secret Gardens Group to help support the work of the volunteers who look after the local canal.

The money will be used to help the Trust care for the Kennet & Avon Canal and to also fund special projects, such as the ongoing works to restore the historic Hen Orchard stone wall, adjacent to the historic Tithe Barn, which is currently being painstakingly rebuilt.

Mark Evans, Canal & River Trust waterway manager, said: "As a relatively new charity we need people to support us, whether that's volunteering your time or donating money.

"This donation will be used by our team of amazing volunteers who dedicate their spare time helping us keep the Kennet & Avon Canal a lovely place to visit for the thousands of people who head to the waterways each year."

Derrick Hunt, volunteer at Bradford On Avon, said: "I'm delighted that Bradford on Avon Secret Gardens Group have donated this money to support the work we're doing. All the volunteers love being along the waterway and helping the Canal & River Trust care for it, so it's great that this work has been recognised locally.

"We have strong community support from local businesses such as Cumberwell Park Golf Club who have helped us with donations of stone and loan of equipment. The co-operation of the Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust has been vital to the project as we have our work compound on their land. Some of the donation will be spent on landscaping the orchard when we finish.

"We are always looking for new people to help us with our work so if anyone is interested in joining the team, learning new skills and making new friends then please get in touch."

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