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CANAL CHARITY HOSTS WINTER HERITAGE RAMBLE ON PICTURESQUE MONMOUTHSHIRE & BRECON CANAL

Glandŵr Cymru, the Canal & River Trust in Wales, the charity that looks after Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal, is inviting people to join them for a special winter ramble around the picturesque waterway as part of a nationwide campaign to thank National Lottery players.

The Mon & Brec this year benefitted from a £65,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to restore a series of historic limekilns by the canal in Brecon. These important heritage structures were built two centuries ago to produce lime mortar for use in the region's industrial and agricultural industries. Having become overgrown, they were revived by staff from the charity and teams of local volunteers.

Glandŵr Cymru is inviting people to join the charity's staff for a free two mile guided tour along the waterway on Tuesday, 12 December (11am start). Leaving from Brecon Basin the walk will explore historical features including the Watton 'Double Arched Bridge' and the 'Hay Tramroad' before arriving at Watton (Brecon) Lime Kilns. For more detail contact enquiries.southwalessevern@canalrivertrust.org.uk or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-talk-guided-tour-of-brecon-lime-kilns-tickets-40841371642>

David Morgan, Glandŵr Cymru development and engagement manager, said: "The Mon & Brec Canal is one of the most popular attractions in the Brecon Beacons. It's a beautiful waterway teeming with wildlife and history. The more you learn about it, and its unique history, the more it comes alive. That's why we want to hold this walk, to introduce people to some of the important heritage stories that you might not see unless you're told. I'd encourage people to come and join us, it should be a great day."

It's suggested people wear outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear for the walk.

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Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said: “December is a wonderful time to experience the UK’s rich, diverse and exciting heritage, which has been transformed by more than £7bn National Lottery funding since 1994. This is a small gesture of thanks and a way of giving something back to the people who buy tickets.”

For information about the Heritage Lottery Fund *Gem in the Landscape* project, visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/pocklington-canal

For details of how to support the Glandŵr Cymru by volunteering visit: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities>

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