



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CHARITY REPLACES LOCK GATES ON BERKHAMSTED CANAL**

The Canal & River Trust – the charity that cares for the nation’s waterways – has started repairs to Lock 55 along the Grand Union Canal in Berkhamsted to stop the three tonne gates from leaking.

Located on the canal outside the Rising Sun pub, the gates have become worn, mainly by the hundreds of boats passing through the lock each year, so a team from the Trust will be installing new liners along the edges of the gates. These new liners will create a water tight seal when the gates close helping to save water.

The works are part of £38million the Trust is spending across the country to carry out much needed repairs to keep the nation’s canals open for the thousands of visitors who boat, walk and cycle along the waterways each year.

Charlotte Wood, Canal & River Trust construction manager, said: “The Grand Union Canal in this area is a really popular spot for people wanting to enjoy the waterways and escape the hustle and bustle.

“During the summer months, the locks are used many times every day and do get a lot of use from passing boats. The gates here at Berkhamsted had worn in places but this repair should ensure the gates last for many more years still and, with the new seals, should be water tight.”

For more information on the work of the Canal & River Trust including finding out 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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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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