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GET SNAP HAPPY AND ENTER POCKLINGTON CANAL PHOTO COMPETITION

Get out your camera and start snapping – a new photo competition is now open in Pocklington with the theme “Life on the waterways”.

Canal & River Trust, the charity that cares for the 9½ mile Pocklington Canal, has launched the contest as part of its celebrations for the waterway’s 200th anniversary.

Amateur snappers are invited to submit any image that showcases the heritage, wildlife, or people of Pocklington Canal, and the winning photos will be featured in an exhibition in the town that opens on 18th June.

Lizzie Dealey, Pocklington Canal project officer at Canal & River Trust, said: “Whether you have a stunning shot of a kingfisher catching his dinner, the perfect photo of people on a boat trip or an image that highlights the canal’s important history – we want to see it.

“Pocklington Canal has been part of the local landscape for 200 years, and we want people to show us how they see it in the present day. We think spring is the perfect time for a photo walk along the towpath, so we’re expecting lots of fantastic shots of this beautiful waterway.”

Those taking a photo walk in the Melbourne Arm section will soon be able to enjoy a new visitor signage trail, set to be revealed in May. The series of information panels will highlight some of the facts and features of the canal, helping people find out about the things they see along the way. They have been funded as part of a Heritage Lottery Fund project currently taking place to celebrate the canal’s 200 years.

Upcoming events and activities in the Pocklington Canal Bicentenary celebrations include:

- Archaeology workshop on 22nd April – help sort recent finds and see how to be part of the next dig in July
- Heritage open day on 20th May – step back into the canal’s past with interactive activities
- Wildlife sessions between May and September – learn how to identify species of trees, birds, bugs, pondlife, bats and more!
- Nature open day on 24th June – take a guided walk, try kayaking and build a bird box
- Bicentenary festival and boat rally on 28th and 29th July – a whole weekend of activities for all the family

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To see the full programme of events, visit: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/events>

Competition details:

- The entries will be judged by representatives from the Trust, Pocklington Canal Amenity Society and Natural England, who work together to care for Pocklington Canal.
- The top 10 entries will be exhibited alongside the People of Pocklington Canal community display in Pocklington Arts Centre this summer.
- Entry is free and submissions must be made online by 28th May 2018 at:
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-east-waterways/pocklington-canal-photography-competition>
- Full terms and conditions are available on the entry page.

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