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CANAL CHARITY REFURBISHES NANTWICH WATERSIDE PLAYGROUND – OFFICIAL OPENING

MEDIA INVITATION

Photo call / filming opportunity to mark the opening of a newly-refurbished playground at Marsh Lane, Nantwich, close to the Shropshire Union Canal. Official opening by Canal & River Trust (Sarah Lalieu, Enterprise Manager) and Cheshire East Council Mayor (Cllr Arthur Moran), with local schoolchildren.

Date: Tuesday 17 April, 3.45pm.

Place: Marsh Lane Playground, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 5HP.

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A much-loved playground by the Shropshire Union Canal in Nantwich has been refurbished, thanks to the Canal & River Trust charity, WREN and Cheshire East Council.

The children's play area on Marsh Lane has benefited from a complete £58,000 renovation, including a new wide slide, swings, bench and safety flooring.

On Tuesday 17 April, all local children, friends and family are invited to the official community opening by Cheshire East Mayor and local councillor, Arthur Moran.

The Canal & River Trust, which cares for 2,000 miles of canals, owns the land and was granted funding from WREN's FCC Community Action Fund to improve the existing playground, which is now a welcoming, safe and accessible facility for the community and visitors to enjoy. Cllr Arthur Moran also supported the project with £1,000 from his Nantwich town ward budget.

Sarah Lalieu, Enterprise Manager at the Canal & River Trust said: "We're delighted to re-open the Marsh Lane playground. Being near the centre of the town, it's very popular with local children and visitors alike. We hope all the youngsters will enjoy playing on the lovely

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new equipment and parents will appreciate the improved safety features. The Shropshire Union Canal provides a beautiful setting for families enjoying some quality time in the outdoors.”

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, WREN’s grant manager for Cheshire, commented: “We’re pleased to support the Marsh Lane Play Area project and delighted our funding has provided such a fantastic facility for children and young families across Nantwich. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a big difference to local communities.”

Cllr Arthur Moran, Cheshire East Council Mayor, added: “It is great to see the new play equipment installed and these improvements will be welcome news for all the local community.”

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Notes to editors:

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