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AYLESBURY MP VISITS GRAND UNION CANAL

The Rt Hon Dr David Lidington CBE, Minister for the Cabinet Office, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and MP for Aylesbury, recently joined the charity, Canal & River Trust, for a visit to the Grand Union Canal's Aylesbury Arm.

Hosted by Richard Parry, Canal & River Trust chief executive, and waterway manager Tav Kazmi, with representatives from Tring Anglers, Dr Lidington MP visited the important community work to resurface and improve sections of the towpath.

The refurbished towpath, which is being funded by Buckinghamshire County Council, will enable visitors to the waterways to enjoy a green, traffic-free walking route to and from work and school, enjoying the wildlife and tranquillity and without having to dodge any puddles after its been raining.

Tav Kazmi comments: "Our waterways bring people and communities together whilst enjoying the great outdoors. The Grand Union Canal in Aylesbury is nestled right in the heart of the town and offers a great escape from the bustle. After just a few minutes' walk along the towpath you'll be surrounded by countryside, mingling with nature, and getting up close to the local wildlife."

For the past few years local residents have been helping the Canal & River Trust care for the canal in Aylesbury and pop out once a month to help keep the waterways looking in tip top condition. The group carry out a variety of tasks including removing plastic and other rubbish dropped along the canal, clearing vegetation and weeding, as well as painting and maintaining the locks to keep them in good working order.

For more information on the Canal & River Trust including how you can volunteer or donate money to support our work please visit 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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