

PRESS RELEASE

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HELP IS AVAILABLE: CANAL & RIVER TRUST'S APPEAL SUPPORTS SMALL WATERWAY CHARITIES

The Canal & River Trust is pleased to announce its grant fund for small waterway-based charities is now open for applications.

Hundreds of donations were made to the appeal which aims to support small community-based charities affected by Covid-19.

Awards of up to £1,000 will be made to small charities that are using canals and rivers across England and Wales to make people's lives better. Charities with an income of up to £250,000 pa are eligible to apply for a grant and funding can be used to cover core costs or to contribute to a specific project.

Sue Wilkinson, Canal & River Trust trustee and chair of the panel distributing the funds, said: "I'd like to thank everyone who's contributed to our appeal for their generosity. These are tough times for a lot of people and it's heartening to see the support shown for the many small waterways charities across England & Wales. The threat to their survival at this time is very real and we're delighted that, with your help, we are able to make a difference.

"To those who give their time to waterways charities: thank you. I've seen first-hand the positive changes you bring to local communities, and the opportunities you give thousands of people. You make our canals and rivers much richer. If you are struggling, help is at hand – do take the time to apply for funding, it is there to support you."

The appeal is still open for donations. To donate, visit <https://justgiving.com/campaign/waterwaycharitiesappeal>. 100% of your donation will be distributed by the Canal & River Trust in small grants to local waterway-based community charities to ensure they can continue to operate in the months and years ahead. The Trust is match funding public donations up to £50,000.

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Details of how charities can apply for funding from the Waterway Charities Appeal are available here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/donate/waterway-charities-appeal/waterway-charities-appeal-grant-applications>.

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Notes to Editors:

The Canal & River Trust cares for and brings to life 2,000 miles of canals and rivers across England & Wales. We believe waterways have the power to make a difference to people's lives and that spending time by water can make us all healthier and happier. By bringing communities together to make a difference to their local waterway, we are creating places and spaces that can be used and enjoyed by everyone, every day www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.