

PRESS RELEASE

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CANAL & RIVER TRUST AWARDS GRANTS TO WATERWAY CHARITIES AFTER APPEAL

Thanks to donations from hundreds of people to the Canal & River Trust's appeal to support small waterway-based charities, the Trust has been able to award £31,500 in grants shared across 43 local charities based on inland waterways in England and Wales.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, these charities, which provide vital support to some of the most disadvantaged communities in the country, have seen their income drastically reduce, putting the services that they offer at risk.

Sue Wilkinson, Canal & River Trust trustee and chair of the grants panel, said: "These very local charities do invaluable work – providing people with opportunities in life where, and when, it is needed the most – from helping tackle loneliness and dementia, to supporting disadvantaged children and young people in many different communities across the country.

"We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Waterways Charity Appeal. It is thanks to you that we have been able to give some support to a number of small charities at this very difficult time. The Trust is pleased to be able to match the personal contributions made."

The charities benefiting from a Waterways Charity Appeal, each receiving a grant of £500 or £1,500, are:

Angel Community Canal Boat Trust	London
Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust	Newport Pagnell
Birmingham and Northamptonshire Guide Narrowboat	Birmingham
Bury Water Meadows Group	Bury
Canal Connections CIC	Leeds
CanalAbility	Harlow
Chelmer Canal Trust	Chelmsford
Cotswold Boatmobility	Stonehouse

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Crusader Community Boating	Northampton
Dartford Cambira Sea Scout Group	Dartford
Dockland Scout Project	London
East Manchester Community Boat Project	Manchester
Heulwen Trust	Welshpool
Hillingdon Narrowboats Association	Uxbridge
Humber Aid CIO	Hull
Islington Boat Club	London
Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society	Skipton
London Narrow Boat Project	Braunston
Merseyside Water Rescue	Liverpool
Northumberland Rivers Trust	Birkenhead
Overwater Wheelyboat Services	Crewe
Pocklington Canal Amenity Society	Pocklington
Shropshire Union Flyboat Restoration Society	Altrincham
Somali Community Parents Association	Leicester
Stourbridge Navigation Trust	Stourbridge
Sunbury and Walton Unit 327 of the Sea Cadet Corps	Shepperton
Swansea Canal Society	Swansea
Tameside Canal Boat Trust	Manchester
Thames and Kennet Narrowboat Trust	Mortimer, Berkshire
The Baldwin Trust	Shepshed, Leicestershire
The Beatrice Charity	Leek
The Ethel Trust	Sheffield
The Hargreaves Narrowboat Trust	Nuneaton
The Pirate Castle	London
The Straford upon Avon Narrowboat Trust	Kenilworth
The Wheelyboat Trust	Petworth, W.Sussex
Truman Enterprise Narrowboat Trust	Walsall
Wakefield District Scouts	Wakefield
Water Adventure Centre	Greater Manchester
Waterways Experiences	Hemel Hempstead
Wildside Activity Centre	Wolverhampton
Wirral Community Narrowboat Trust	Newcastle
Worcester Birmingham & Droitwich Canal Society	Droitwich

The appeal was supported by hundreds of donors with the Canal & River Trust match funding public donations – including Trust chief executive, Richard Parry, who donated 20% of his salary for the first three months of the year.

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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.