

In this update: test and trace process, Waterways Archive materials on TV, the Navvies of Manchester Ship Canal, online talks.

Dear all,

Welcome to the Weekly Update. Thanks for the feedback that we get about these updates and we'll do our best to evolve them to make them more effective. As the local teams get back up to speed, we will aim to streamline our communications so that you get the right balance of local and team-based communications.

Click [here](#) for this week's video message from Chief Exec. This week Richard announces the highest ever engagement score on the recent Pulse survey and gives a reminder of the importance of taking time out to recharge as we approach the summer period.

As usual, a copy of this update will be available in [MyVolunteering](#) as well as July issues of The Source newsletter. For those of you without access to the Trust's Gateway intranet, if you would like to view the information hub for coronavirus you can please use [this link](#).

### **A message from Julie Sharman**

Over the past couple of weeks I've been able to get back out onto the network and see first-hand a very small part of the amazing work everyone has been doing through the lockdown and in starting to get back to normal. Ensuring I stay fairly local, I visited Barrowford Reservoir, Standedge and the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port.

It was fantastic to see all the hard work the teams have put in over the last few months, as we see our waterways and some attractions reopen. An easing of restrictions in Wales also means we have been able to welcome customers and visitors back onto our Welsh canals.

I would also like to wish the teams at both our National Waterway Museums, Gloucester and Ellesmere Port and Trevor Basin well for their reopening on Monday, and we are progressing our plans for Stoke Bruerne, Anderton Visitor Centre and Standedge. It's

been fantastic to see teams return over the last couple of weeks, and all the hard work they have put in getting the sites reopened to the public. Good luck to everyone concerned!

It's great to see our volunteers continue to slowly return to the Trust. We now have around half of all our Volunteer Lock Keepers back and are seeing more roles and partner groups starting to return as well. The Trust's Everyday Risk Assessment is also being shared by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations as an example of best practice. We are proud to be recognised amongst other charities for our efforts in keeping volunteers and colleagues safe and to share our best practice with other UK organisations.

### **Test and Trace Process**

As you may be aware, the NHS Test and Trace Service is a key part of the Government's efforts to manage the spread of Covid-19 and to enable the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

#### The NHS Service

- provides testing for anyone who has coronavirus symptoms, enabling them to find out if they have the virus;
- gets in touch with anyone who has had a positive test result to help them share information about any 'close contacts' they have had (defined as any time within one metre, 15 minutes within two metres or any time in the same vehicle); and
- alerts those contacts, where necessary, notifying them of the need to self-isolate for 14 days.

The Trust is expected to support the NHS Test and Trace Service by encouraging our people who develop symptoms to use the Service, then if they subsequently test positive, to support the self-isolation of those contacted as 'close contacts', ensuring they do not come into the workplace for 14 days.

We have therefore developed a [Test and Trace Process](#) and [Notification Form](#) which should be followed if any colleague presents symptoms of Covid-19, or if you are notified as having 'close contact' (as defined in the process) with someone who has tested positive outside of the Trust's working environment. For our volunteers this means anyone who's been on-site, into a Trust property etc.. If you're not able to actively volunteer at the moment, this isn't something that you need to do.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this message, please contact [coronavirus@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:coronavirus@canalrivertrust.org.uk).

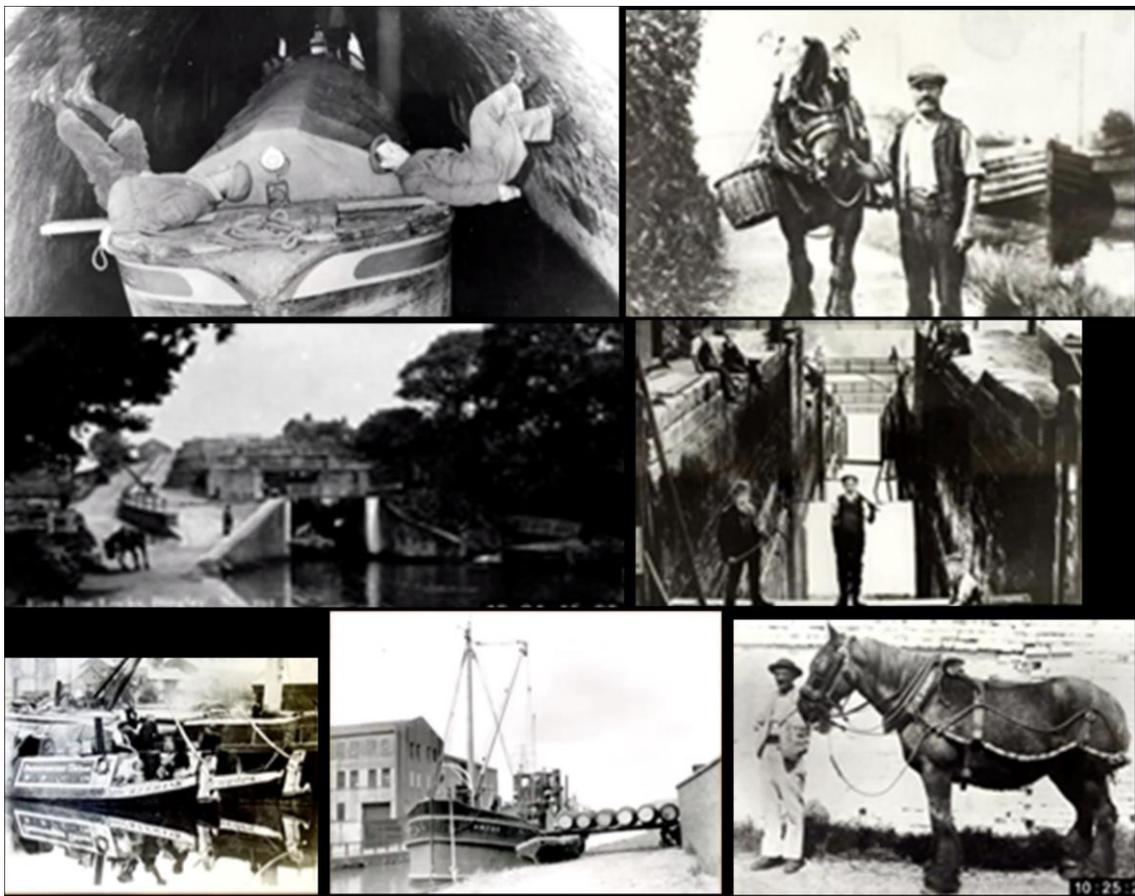
### **Waterways Archive - spot our pictures on TV**

Our Waterways Archive images will be featured in the following programmes which at the moment are due to be aired on the below dates on Channel 5

These will be revisions of the 'Celebrity 5 Go' series at Ricochet and this includes 'Celebrity 5 Go Barging' as well as 'Barging Britain: Then and Now'. They are merging 5 or 6 of the original episodes into one long 120 min omnibus.

Celebrity 5 Go Barging – w/c 20<sup>th</sup> July

Celebrities Go Barging Back in Time – w/c 27<sup>th</sup> July



### **The Navvies of Manchester Ship Canal**

The Ellesmere Port Local and Family History Society which meets at the archive on Thursday mornings has brought to our attention [this footage on Youtube](#) from 'Canals - The Making of a Nation 4: The Workers (2015)'. This interesting programme was part of a series run by the BBC in 2015 on Navvies, part of which was filmed at NWM Ellesmere Port and shows many images from our Manchester Ship Canal Collection.

## Join an Online Talk

### **Thursday 23rd July 1230-1330: Restoration: the national and local perspective:**

Peter Walker (Head of Technical Support) and Bob Dewey (Trust volunteer lock-keeper). Peter will talk about his role as the strategic lead on restoration within the Trust; how we prioritise our work in this area and support the partner groups across the country. Whilst Bob is now a Trust Volunteer Lock-keeper he's had a strong hand in the restorations on the Huddersfield and Montgomeryshire Canals. He'll give an overview of the history of restoration as a precursor to a full talk on the 30th July. Register [here](#)

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1230-1330: Our Education Programme:** Annette Simpson

(Participation Development Manager: Learning & Skills). Annette will talk about our learning programmes, principally delivered by our Explorers education volunteers, engaging primary schools, group leaders, home schoolers and families. She will discuss how the Trust can play a part in delivering learning outside the classroom, helping to support children's mental health and wellbeing and inspiring tomorrow's waterway enthusiasts. Register [here](#).

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1230-1330: The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site – Heritage Tourism and Management:**

Steve Bristow (Destination Assistant, Trevor Visitor Centre and VLK, Frankton Locks) and Lynda Slater (Destination Supervisor & Visitor Centre Manager). Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – the so-called “bridge that links” or the “stream in the sky” – completed in 1805 to a design by Thomas Telford is the longest aqueduct in Great Britain and the highest canal aqueduct in the world and is a designated a World Heritage Site. Steve will cover the history of the Ellesmere Canal (as it was known to Thomas Telford and William Jessop), the construction and maintenance of the 336 yards long, 126 ft high, 18-pier Aqueduct spanning the Dee, the tension between safety and heritage and the role of the Destination Assistant. He will be joined by Lynda for the Q&A part of the webinar. Register [here](#)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1230-1330: Public Affairs:** Aisling Rollason National Policy and Public Affairs Manager. Register [here](#)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1230-1330: Asset Inspectors: Neil Owen.** The Asset Inspectors keep an eye on the Trust's towpath, structures, buildings, reservoirs, everything really on a regular basis. As Regional Engineer for the South, Neil will talk through what this involves, how the inspectors do their job, the sorts of actions that they pick up and how they're prioritised. Register [here](#)

Best wishes

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