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Half term Halloween fun at Fradley Junction

Visitors to Fradley Junction should prepare for some spooky fun this Halloween with a free family friendly pumpkin trail around the nearby local nature reserve.

Organised by waterways and wellbeing charity, Canal & River Trust, this week-long 'spooktacular' event is aimed at children of all ages and involves some spine-chilling pumpkin spotting fun as young adventurers explore Fradley Pool Nature Reserve and the nearby Trent & Mersey Canal.

Taking place between Monday 26 October and Sunday 1 November this frightful but delightful adventure will allow brave explorers to wander along the nature trail and use clues to work out where each pumpkin is located. Each pumpkin has a letter painted on it and the challenge is to work out the scrambled word from the pumpkin letters.

Trail sheets with the clues will be available during the day from the volunteers at the Canal & River Trust Welcome Station. Don't forget to bring your own pen.

Charlotte Owens, from Canal & River Trust, said: "This is the first time we've held a Halloween event at Fradley Junction and we're really delighted we can offer something fun for everyone this half term.

"We've tried to create some Halloween magic for our visitors, and I hope everyone enjoys exploring this sweet but spooky trail and spending some time being outdoors. To make this extra special you could walk the trail in fancy dress and, parents, you could do an alternative trick or treat and award a prize for every pumpkin that is spotted."

The route will take around 20-25 minutes to complete. There is no need to book - just turn up. In order to meet social distancing guidelines please remain in groups of no more than six and please stick to your one family/bubble.

The address is Fradley Welcome Station, Alrewas, Trent & Mersey Canal, Staffordshire, DE13 7DN. The event is free but there is a pay and display car park on site.

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