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CANAL & RIVER TRUST RECEIVES FUNDING TO HELP ADDRESS CLIMATE CHALLENGES

Waterways and wellbeing charity Canal & River Trust will benefit from £2 million funding towards the many climate action and sustainability challenges its historic waterways face across England & Wales, and to support the charity in its contribution to mitigating the impacts of climate change. The funding comes as part of People's Postcode Lottery's recently announced Postcode Climate Challenge initiative, through which its players have raised over £20 million for climate action.

The Canal & River Trust is facing many challenges from the changing climate. The funding will go towards projects aimed at helping build the waterways' resistance to climate change, support biodiversity, manage water stewardship, reduce the charity's carbon footprint, and improve the charity's use of materials and waste management.

Jodie Rees, corporate engagement partner at Canal & River Trust, said: "We are delighted to receive this additional funding thanks to the players of People's Postcode Lottery, and it couldn't have come at a better time. There is wide acceptance of the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis we are facing.

"Canals and rivers are uniquely placed to make a significant contribution to improving the wellbeing of millions of people. Climate action is an essential part of our ability to protect these precious resources now and for the future, for boaters, walkers, paddlers, anglers, cyclists and all those who value them."

This funding brings the support the Canal & River Trust has received thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery over 12 months to £4.6 million. The first £2.6 million tranche of funding, which started in May, supports the Trust's programme to enhance the nation's wellbeing through caring for the waterways and their future, including priority infrastructure works at Castleford Weir and the Tees Barrage.

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The Canal & River Trust has been supported by the players of People's Postcode Lottery since the charity was formed in 2012 and, thanks to this fantastic help, we have received funding totalling over £13 million to support priority projects such as works at the Grade I Listed Marple Aqueduct, the Montgomery Canal restoration, and emergency repairs to the breach on the Shropshire Union Canal at Middlewich.

For more information on the work of the Canal & River Trust including how you can donate money or volunteer your time to support the work we do visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

Find out more about People's Postcode Lottery at: www.postcodelottery.co.uk

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The **Canal & River Trust** cares for and brings to life 2,000 miles of canals and rivers across Wales and England. 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.

People's Postcode Lottery manages multiple society lotteries promoted by different charities and good causes. People play with their chosen postcodes for a chance to win cash prizes. A minimum of 32% from each subscription goes directly to charities and good causes in Britain and internationally. Players have raised more than £600 million so far. For details of the charities and good causes which are promoting and benefitting from the lottery draws, please visit www.postcodelottery.co.uk/good-causes/draw-calendar. Follow us @PPLComms