

PRESS RELEASE

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CANAL & RIVER TRUST PUBLISHES WINTER MOORINGS INFORMATION

The Canal & River Trust is today publishing the list of sites it will be offering for winter moorings in 2021-22.

Matthew Symonds, national boating manager at Canal & River Trust, said: “Some boaters enjoy exploring the waterways all year round but the cold, unpredictable weather and dark, long nights can bring their own challenges for boats who don’t have a home mooring. Every year around 10% of continuous cruisers decide that they want to moor their boats in one place for the season and choose to take a winter mooring from the Trust, while others may choose to overwinter with the many other mooring providers.

“There is a balance to be struck between those who want to batten down the hatches for the season and those who enjoy winter cruising, and we always ensure that there is enough space left on visitor moorings for cruising boats.”

The Trust’s winter moorings are divided into eight price bands reflecting each site’s relative attractiveness, for example location and nearby facilities, the level of demand from boaters, and to ensure pricing stays in line with the Trust’s own long-term mooring sites and private mooring operators. The order of the bands has reversed with Band 1 being the lowest priced and Band 8 being the highest priced. This year 64 mooring sites will drop a price band or see a price freeze, while 42 mooring sites will see a price rise.

The Trust’s winter moorings will be available from 1 November 2021 to 28 February 2022. All winter mooring permits will be charged at a ‘per metre, per month’ rate, and boaters will be able to book the spots in increments of one month. A final list of the sites and prices can be found at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/winter-moorings.

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Bookings will open on 1 October at 6am via the Trust's boat licensing site on a first-come, first-served basis: licensing.canalrivertrust.org.uk/Account/Register. Boaters will be able to look at sites on the online booking system from 1 September.

If you have any questions about the Trust's winter moorings please call customer services on 0303 040 4040 or email wintermoorings@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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