

PRESS RELEASE

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HAYES CANAL FESTIVAL IS BACK

Hayes Canal Festival is back on the Grand Union Canal on Sunday 29 May, for the first time in nearly three years. From free boat trips and canoe sessions to fishing and a climbing wall, there will be activities and live entertainment throughout the day – on water and land – from noon until 5pm.

In partnership with Hillingdon Council and Retail Revival, waterways and wellbeing charity the Canal & River Trust is currently working on a regeneration project to revitalise Hillingdon High Street through a 'Canal Retail Trail'. At the event, people will be encouraged to follow the trail, visiting the high street and the independent businesses there, completing the trail at Retail Revival's stall where they can then collect a free goodie bag!

Ros Daniels, Director of Canal & River Trust London & the South East, said:

"Hayes Festival is one of our favourite events that we run during the summer months. We're especially excited to be bringing it back, celebrating the contribution that volunteers and partners are making across London's waterways, ten years after the Canal & River Trust was established as a charity to protect and promote them. We hope this event right by the Grand Union Canal will encourage the local community to use this special green space on their doorstep, as well as appealing to visitors from further afield. Come along to enjoy the activities and hear more about the projects we're working on this year to make your local area blue, green, and better."

David Brough, Chair of Hillingdon Canals Partnership, added:

"We started Hayes Canal Festival eight years ago to raise awareness of the local community about the fantastic asset that the Grand Union Canal provides for local people. Since it has been run by the Canal and River Trust it has gone from strength to strength and become a highlight of the year for Hayes families. After the break caused by the pandemic it is a joy to see it happening again."

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The Canal & River Trust cares for and brings to life 2,000 miles of canals and rivers across England & Wales, with more than two million people in London and the South East living within a kilometre of a waterway looked after by the Trust. 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.

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