

## Caring for the Kennet & Avon Canal

We're the charity working to protect and bring to life this 250-year-old network of canals and rivers spanning England and Wales. Not so long ago many canals were abandoned, and some lost forever. Today, with your support, wildlife is recovering, history is alive, boats are plentiful and spending time in this environment is contributing to our health and happiness.

Our mission is to keep this extraordinary network of canals and rivers alive, teeming with wildlife, transforming places they run through and enriching all of our lives. Your support today could help us care for Berkshire's canals and many more places, for today and generations to come.



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Please support our work & donate today

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Canal & River Trust

Making life better by water

## Keeping history alive

Once a small rural village, Kintbury's fortunes changed in 1794 with the arrival of hundreds of 'navvies' constructing the Kennet & Avon Canal.

Kintbury was the first section of the Kennet & Avon Canal to be opened. The canal was the main trading route between London and Bristol, and the wharf thrived for 100 years.

Large quantities of iron and coke bound for the local ironworks were unloaded at the wharf, as well as raw materials for nearby breweries.

Discover lots of fun things to do with the family by and on the water. Go to [canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers)



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## Welcome to Kintbury

Where nature thrives.



We're the charity making life better by water

The task of protecting the finest examples of working industrial heritage including Kintbury Lock, and the wildlife that calls it home, is growing all the time. As a charity we need you by our side more than ever. Please support our work today.

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FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Once a busy industrial canal wharf, Kintbury is now a picture of tranquility, the perfect place to start exploring the beautiful Kennet & Avon Canal.

**Visit us at:**  
Station Road,  
Kintbury RG17 9UT

 Allow 1–2 hours  
for this visit

### Find your way around

-  towpath
-  pub
-  toilets
-  shopping
-  bench/picnic area
-  horsedrawn boat trips
-  parking
-  railway station



**Stay SAFE**  
**Stay Away From the Edge!**

For more information on visiting safely:  
[canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/safety)

Details correct at time of print, please check before travelling.

## 5 things to do at Kintbury

- 1** **Take** a horse-drawn boat trip along the canal and learn more about its history.
- 2** **Go** for a traffic-free bike ride along the towpath, past the chalk streams – the pure clear water provides the perfect habitat for a host of wild creatures.
- 3** **Stroll** alongside the canal and watch colourful canal boats making their way through the locks and along the waterway.
- 4** **Pause** and chat with our friendly volunteers, you can find out how you could volunteer too.
- 5** **Have** a picnic by the canal and enjoy some time by water.

### Did you know?

The Kennet & Avon Canal opened in 1810. By 1818 there were 200 barges working on the waterway. It took an average of 3 days and 9 hours to travel from Newbury to Bath.

