



**Canal &  
River Trust**

Making life better by water



# Restoration Newsletter

## Hello everyone and welcome to our first quarterly newsletter.

Thank you for signing up to receive updates, it's great to have you with us! As this is the first edition I thought it would be a good idea to start with some introductions. Read below to meet the Canal & River Trust restoration team and find out more about how we help bring our derelict waterways back to life.



### **Sam Anderson-Brown – Restoration Manager**

As restoration manager my role is to lead on and develop our National Restoration Strategy. I am also the day-to-day contact for restoration societies and the project sponsor on Trust-led

restoration projects on the Grantham and Montgomery canals. In addition to this I support the IWA Restoration Hub and the wider restoration movement as a whole.

I have been working as restoration manager since June 2017 and love engaging with our stakeholders and witnessing the passion of volunteers. Restoration brings together all teams at the Trust and so it has been a great way to meet colleagues from across the organisation.

Before I became restoration manager I worked as business boating manager in the South East & London and worked on a number of really exciting projects in Paddington, The Olympic Park and Little Venice. Prior to my career with the Trust I worked for the Environment Agency, first as a Boatman (scrubbing patrol boats) before becoming an operations team leader on the River Thames.



### **Jodie Weathers – Restoration Support Coordinator**

As restoration support coordinator a key part of my role is to upskill volunteers within the restoration societies. One way in which we do this is through our series of workshops and

our annual Restoration Conference organised with the IWA to support local waterway societies and their projects. I also share all the amazing work volunteers and colleagues are doing around the country by keeping our social media channels up to date and producing newsletters such as this one.

I'm fairly new to the team having joined in May 2018 and feel lucky to work with such passionate individuals whose efforts are not only reviving our waterways but contributing to improving the health of the nation and conserving our local heritage. Before joining the restoration team I worked as a volunteer team leader for two years at the Trust and coordinated the activities of volunteers along the canal in both Manchester and Yorkshire.

Before joining the Trust I spent time volunteering overseas and lived in Peru, South America for twelve months and more recently spent four months in Nicaragua where I worked as a volunteer manager for a sustainable development charity that provided clean water to rural communities through construction projects.

## Restoration Stories

We have a section on our website dedicated to stories and case studies. Click below to read our latest story about the lovely Mair and find out about life growing up in a lock cottage on the Swansea Canal in the 1930's.

### [Mairs Story](#)

## Support page for partner groups

Did you know we have over 400 independent volunteer groups around the country that are active on our waterways? Canal societies play a huge part in this and we have a dedicated support page on our website which you may find handy if you are volunteering in a canal society on one of our canals. [Click HERE](#)  
The password is: canal

# Events

## Saturday 30th March 2019 – Annual Restoration Conference

The Annual Restoration Conference, jointly run by The Canal & River Trust and The Inland Waterways Association is taking place on Saturday 30th March 2019 in Wolverhampton.

'Relining your Pockets' will focus on funding and how to make sure your project is relevant to funders. It will look at how added extras, alongside the physical restoration of your canal, can be crucial to bringing in the necessary funding.

We have lots of presentations and seminars planned including a presentation from Liz Shaw of the Heritage Lottery Fund updating you on HLF's new funding framework and grant programmes.

The conference will run from 10am-4pm and is FREE (refreshments & lunch included) to waterway restoration society members, volunteers and staff.

Click the link below to book your place!  
[Annual Restoration Conference](#)



## Facebook Restoration Group

We have set up a Facebook group for any societies that wish to join. The aim of this group is a place to share restoration good news stories, training and events and to keep each other updated on our current restoration projects.

Click the link below to join and feel free to share your relevant posts into the group!

[Facebook Restoration Group](#)



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We hope you enjoyed the first edition of our newsletter and found the information useful.

**Have any questions? Then get in touch!**  
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