

Riverside Regeneration Loughborough Town Deal

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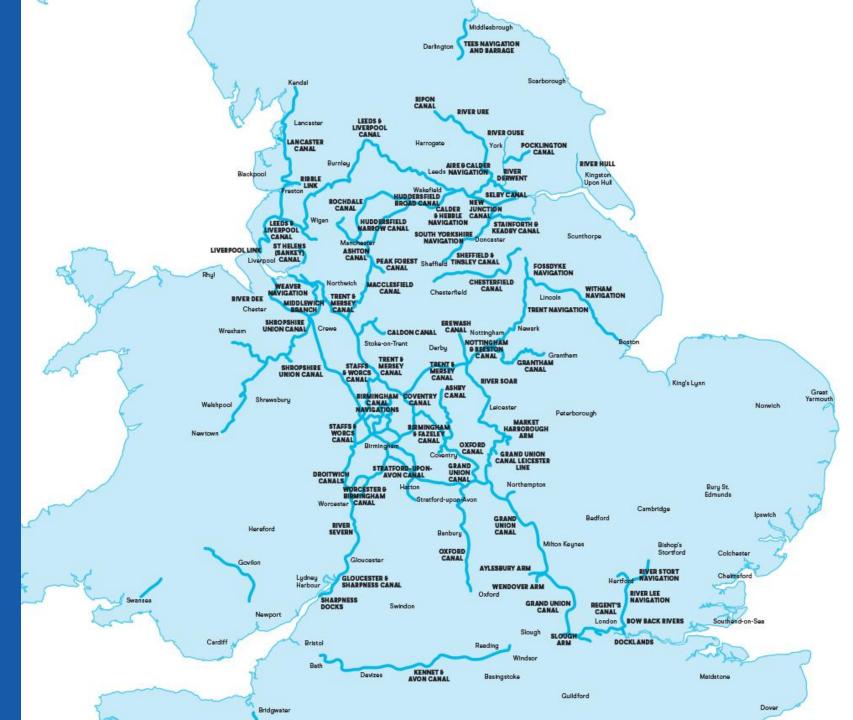
The Canal & River Trust was formed as a new charity in 2012 in the largest ever transfer of public assets to the voluntary sector from British Waterways.

The purpose of the Trust is to protect, manage and improve the nation's canals and river navigations

We look after 2,000 miles of waterways and thousands of listed structures

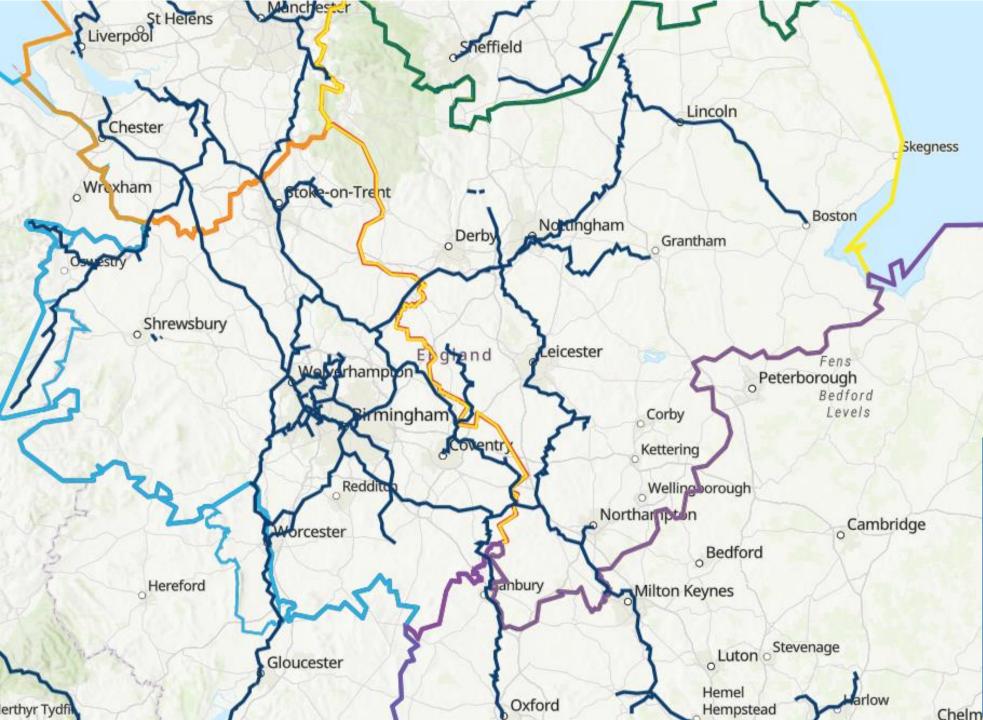
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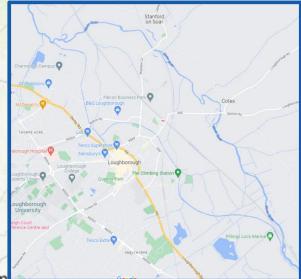




The Regions Waterways

8 million people in England and Wales live within a few minutes' walk of our network.

400-500 million visits/year.



Loughborough Canal Basin circa 1950s

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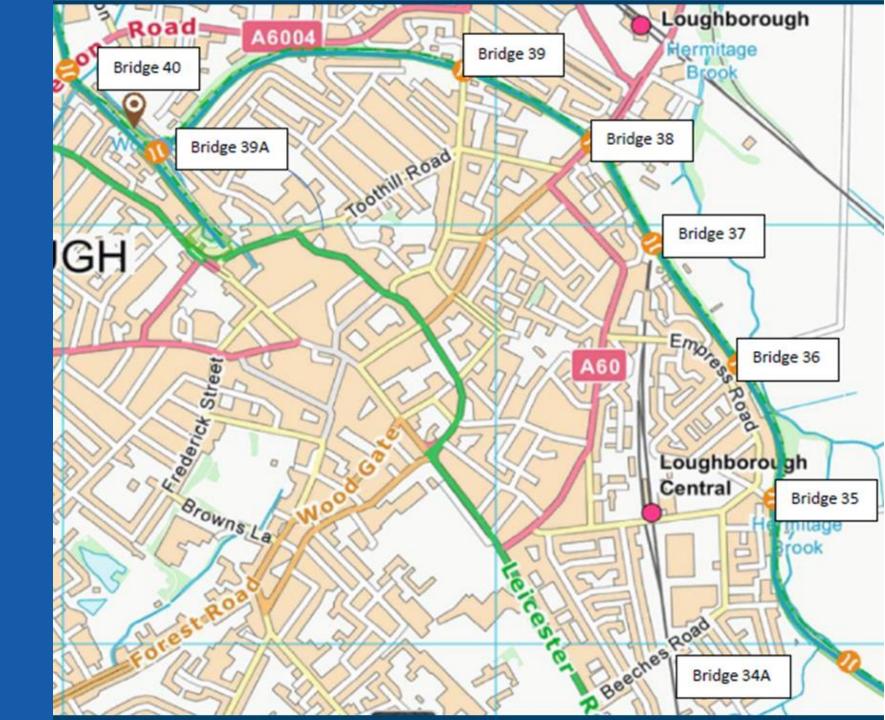
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This image shows the basin with a steam crane on rails alongside and numerous industrial buildings, a gasholder and a pub, the Ram Inn, nearby.



The Project

- 2km towpath resurfacing
- Formalising a new visitor mooring
- Improved access points
- > Improved signage





















Front verge maintained This helps to create a 'traditional towpath' look and improves biodiversity. It also provides places to moor, fish, allows drainage for rain water and creates a tactile feature to the waters edge.

New towpath surface Any potholes will be filled then a new base is laid and dressed in a sandy coloured grit to achieve a natural worn look. It's nonslip and tactile so encourages those on bikes to take it easy.

This is what a better towpath looks like

Trimmed hedges and trees Unmanaged vegetation makes it hard for people to pass each other and to see along the towpath. We aim for a neat but natural finish.

> Towpath width It's not possible everywhere but we aim for these proportions for a new towpath.

1.8m - 2m 👘

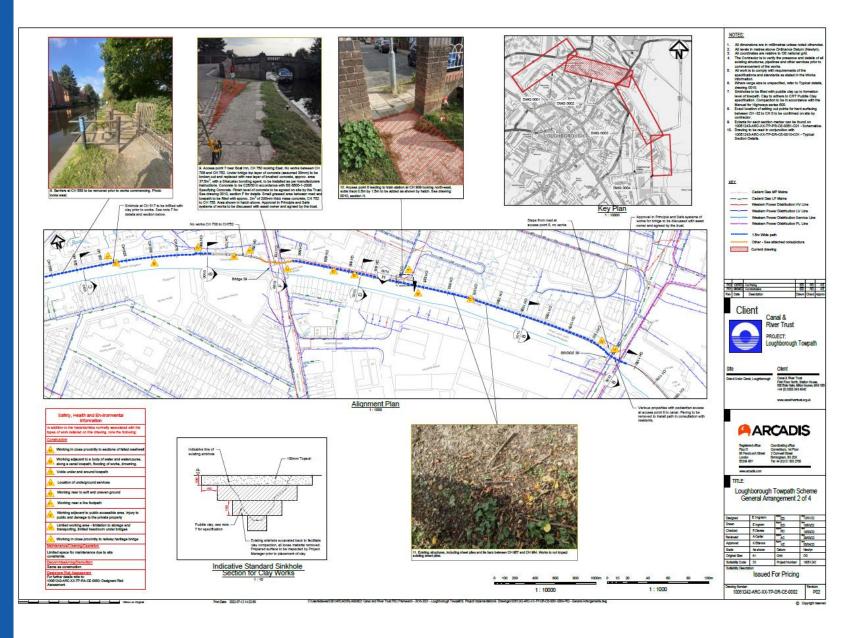






Programme

- ✓ Design and procurement
- Currently finalising Contract
- Delivery Jan-April 2023





Communications

✓ Consultation✓ launch

Mid-November➤ Leaflet drop to residents➤ User groups letter

➢ Ward Cllr letter

Late November ➤ Towpath Signage Late November

DecemberPress release early December

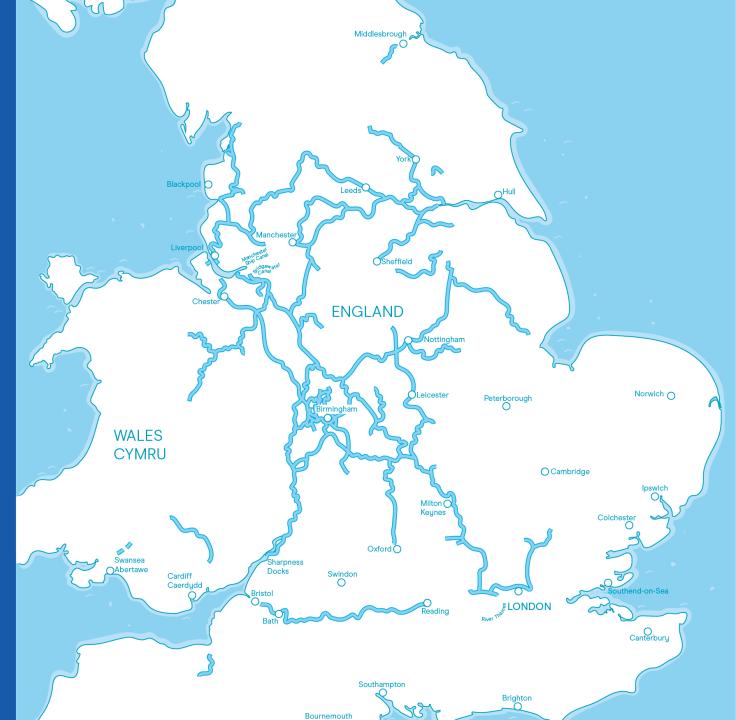
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