



Presentation of donation cheque by Waitrose

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Wilts & Berks Canal Trust are pleased to announce that we have received a donation cheque from Waitrose at the Wichelstowe Waitrose landing stage on 27 May 2016.

Roderick Bluh, Chairman of WBCT received the cheque from Waitrose Wichelstowe store manager Dan Morehead. Waitrose has donated £7,000 to WBCT as a contribution towards the installation of the landing stage.

Roderick Bluh said: "The Trust is delighted to receive this contribution from Waitrose towards this great facility, which has enhanced the canal side at Waitrose Wichelstowe and has allowed many people who visit the store, to access the canal and discover the pleasures of enjoying the canal environment from our trip boat Dragonfly. We are very grateful to Waitrose for their generous contribution, and look forward to working with them again in the future."

This new landing stage, which is a popular viewing point for wildlife on the canal, is the departure and landing point for the canal trips run by WBCT volunteers using nb Dragonfly between Kingshill and Wichelstowe. The canal trips provide canal boat experiences for visitors to the Waitrose store at Wichelstowe, for residents from Swindon and for many people from further afield, in order for them to enjoy this section of the canal, its tranquillity and its wildlife.

The construction of the new landing stage is part of the development and restoration works of the historic Wilts & Berks Canal through Swindon, and has been made possible by a partnership relationship between WBCT and Swindon Borough Council and with the contribution from Waitrose.



Back Story:

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust has, as its central aim, the creation of a sustainable, accessible and desirable destination for people and wildlife, through the restoration of the historic Wilts & Berks canal as a blue and green corridor winding its way through communities and landscapes of the region, adding value wherever it goes, in terms of economic, lifestyle, health and wellbeing and biodiversity benefits.

We are committed to the ongoing and evolving restoration of the whole of the Wilts & Berks Canal, throughout its length, to create a regional treasure, and to be cherished by all.

It's time to create an environment both we and our children can be proud of...

It's time to inspire and excite...

It's time to put our canal at the heart of everyday life ...

This is the largest and most complex waterway restoration project now taking place in the UK.

Join us on our journey.

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