



WILTS & BERKS CANAL TRUST

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RESTORING IN PARTNERSHIP THE WILTS & BERKS CANAL THROUGH WILTSHIRE, SWINDON AND OXFORDSHIRE

PRESS RELEASE:

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Wiltshire Council transfer of land to WBCT

The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust is pleased to announce that last week Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Capital Assets Committee approved the transfer of a number of sections of the waterway owned by the Authority.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, said: "Wiltshire Council is a long standing partner in this restoration and we are pleased be able to assist the volunteers to progress work on the Wilts & Berks Canal. Wiltshire continues to benefit from the great tourism attraction of the Kennet & Avon canal, which was similarly restored with the passion and enthusiasm of volunteers: it is a wonderful success story and is a great benefit to the community."

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Chairman Roderick Bluh said: "The Trust is extremely grateful for this support and demonstration of the confidence of Wiltshire Council in the work of the volunteers. In practical terms it represents at least 15% of the canal route in Wiltshire. This will help considerably with the ability to fundraise, and we hope it will also encourage other landowners to consider helping with this inspiring community led project."

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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