

Work-boat 'Nelson' arrives in Royal Wootton Bassett

Rob Locatelli of River & Canal Services, based in Surrey, kindly offered a 40-foot long work-boat to any canal charity that could make use of it – and WBCT got in first! We paid for delivery and for additional equipment.

Many thanks to Rob – and to WBCT member Alex Hutchings who went to Woking to pressure-wash the boat as it was lifted out of the water and to photograph it on its journey. The converted narrow-boat is named 'Nelson'.



Steel pontoons & 'Nelson' at Woking, 24th April 2021.
(Photo: Steve Bacon)



'Nelson' on Basingstoke Canal, Woking, 24th April 2021
(Photo: Steve Bacon).



The 100-ton mobile crane in position, 15th May.



Nelson brought to towpath side from mooring.



Nelson and weed lifted out of Basingstoke Canal.



Aaron starts pressure-washing – a very wet job.



Pressure-washing over the slipway.



Starboard side half-complete.



The propellor had collected lots of plastic rubbish.



A mud-spattered selfie from Alex and Aaron.



Rob Locatelli beside the cleaned boat stern.



Aaron's truck with the water tank in front of lorry.



Boat almost in place, by River & Canal Services truck.



Loading complete at Woking. Note the electricity pylon.



The lorry on Marlborough Road after crossing bridge.



The mobile crane nearly an hour later (Photos: Steve B).



Crane in place beside slipway, lifting boat from lorry.



Over the towpath hedge and slipway towards canal.



Boat above the water ready to be lowered.



Nearly there.



On the water.



Nelson under power along the canal.