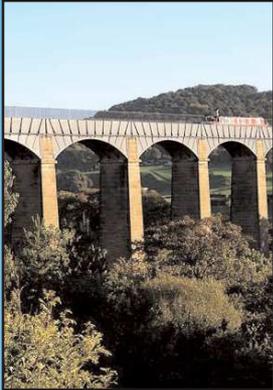


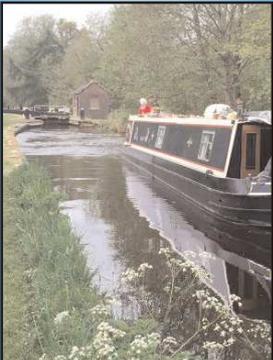
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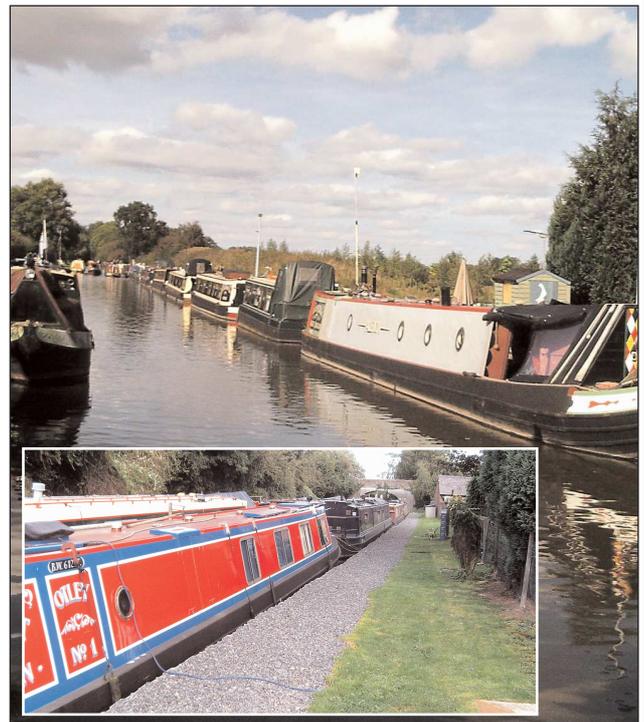


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# What makes you a happy moorer?

**What do you want from a mooring? That's the question being asked in a new survey of British boaters being launched by a traditional boatyard on one of the country's favourite canals.**

"We are trying to discover exactly what people want from moorings," explained David Ray, a director of Norbury Wharf on the Shropshire Union canal. "Our moorings are either online on the side of the canal opposite the towpath or in a short arm that leads to our dry dock, we don't have marina-style moorings. Every year a few people move elsewhere and others arrive and we think we know what attracts boaters to Norbury but we would like boaters themselves to tell us. "That's why we have created a brief online survey. We hope it will tell us we are doing the right things, as we have invested quite heavily in recent years in making our moorings even more attractive and expanding supplies of water and electricity. "We try to be as flexible as possible at our boat yard we have got everything from overnight and short term moorings as well as long term spots available, some with electric and water. "We know our location in the lovely Staffordshire countryside is attractive and it seems that many of our moorers simply don't like the sardine can arrangements in big marinas. "We would like to think that having a busy, professional boatyard on the doorstep is a big factor with everything from a



*Moorings at Norbury on the mainline and (inset) in the arm*

paint dock to highly skilled engineers and even a tea-room available seven days a week." David says Norbury treats its moorers as VIPs with free secure car parking, discounted docking and blacking, priority on engine servicing at set costs, a breakdown service and free professional advice. He knows that the cruising within range of any mooring is important to boaters and few can better Norbury's access to the Llangollen canal, Caldron canal, Four Counties ring, Stourport ring, Black Country ring, River Severn, Anderton

Boat Lift and the River Weaver, Chester, Ellesmere Port, Stourport and city centre Birmingham. "It's more a case of fine tuning," said David. "We like to know that we are delivering what our moorers want and the survey may help us do that. If you want to participate you can find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VF7DF6D> If you want to discuss mooring at Norbury contact David on 01785 284292 or email [david@norburywharf.co.uk](mailto:david@norburywharf.co.uk).

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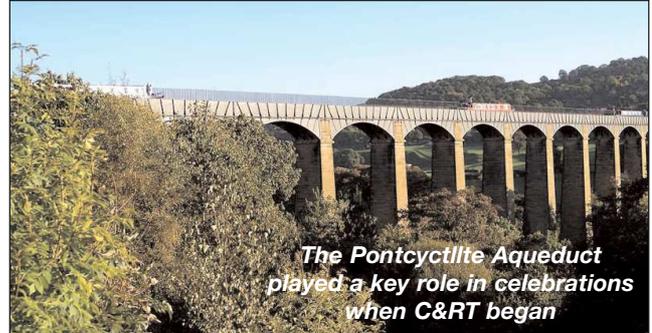
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# C&RT - the first five years

**F**ive years after it was handed British Waterways by the Cameron government, Canal & River Trust has issued a glowing report on itself.

The 2016/17 Annual Report, claims the highest levels of public support and investment in the waterways since they were transferred from public ownership.

It says: "... commercial performance during the year, including a further rise in the number of people donating to our work, was underpinned by a significant growth in volunteering which reached over half a million hours for the first time." The Trust also asserts that spend on charitable activities is up by six per cent to £157m, including its 'biggest ever programme of lock repairs and gate replacements' Richard Parry, chief executive, insists: "It has been another successful year for the Trust and I'd like to thank everyone for their support and hard work.



*The Pontcystllte Aqueduct played a key role in celebrations when C&RT began*

"We have been able to increase the amount of money we can spend on the waterways which has seen a huge output by staff and volunteers alike.

Accordingly, we beat our target for unplanned navigation closures with a further reduction year-on-year and I am pleased with the improvement in both boater and visitor satisfaction which grew to 76% and 85% respectively."

Amongst achievements the Trust lists "Numbers of Friends have grown to 22,000 and donations are now £2.9m p.a. However, the Annual Report shows that C&RT failed to reach its Key Performance Indicator

(KPI) target of 22,500 friends, only achieving 20,600 and is still a long way from its ambition to recruit 100,000 Friends in its first ten years.

The annual report shows income from donations at £2.9m and that it has cost £3.7m to bring that sum in. As with all previous years, C&RT made a loss on donations - this time £800,000. Cumulative losses for C&RT's first five years now stand at £5.0m.

C&RT's Annual Public Meeting will be held at the Bond in Birmingham on September at 10am. A limited number of places are available to book.

## Weaver swing bridge is open again after £1.5m spend



**A**cton Swing Bridge, on the River Weaver near Northwich, reopened on in July after a six month, £1.5 million programme to repair and strengthen the bridge deck.

The 84-year old bridge, which is

cared for by Canal & River Trust, carries the busy A49 road over the River Weaver Navigation. The vital refurbishment work has been funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Clive Mitchell, our project team manager said: "We're delighted to have the bridge back in good condition and ready to reopen. The essential repairs will safeguard the bridge for many years

to come. Once the road surface was removed it was clear that the steelwork needed more repairs than anticipated, but these have now been completed. "As well as strengthening works to the underside of the bridge, a new waterproofing layer has been applied to the bridge deck and this should help to provide a more durable road surface for the future."

# Restoration of Monty gets a £4m boost

**T**he long-awaited restoration of the Montgomery Canal has taken a leap forward with the start of a new £4 million project.

A new nature reserve is to be created next to the canal near Oswestry which, together with work along the canal itself, means boaters could soon be returning to the area for the first time in 80 years.

The work is being carried out by C&RT, and is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The canal on the Shropshire/Welsh border and in easy reach of Norbury by boat is currently only partly navigable and is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Rare aquatic plants, will soon be given a secure environment by the creation of a new three-hectare wildlife habitat within Aston Locks Nature Reserve. The site, which is expected to be complete by winter 2017, will also be home for a range of wildlife including damselflies,



The Montgomery Canal

dragonflies, otters and water voles and attract a range of bird species.

Alongside the creation of the reserve, a further 1¼ miles of the canal, from Welshampton to Crickheath in Shropshire, will be restored to navigation. A winding hole, will be created, enabling boats to return to the area for the first time since 1936 when the canal was closed.

Around half of the canal is currently navigable and this latest major phase should be completed by 2020. The project includes access improvements to the canal and nearly five miles of towpath upgraded.

Known for its outstanding natu-

ral beauty, wildlife and heritage, the Montgomery Canal runs for 35 miles between England and Wales.

Wendy Capelle, waterway manager said: "The work starting today at Aston Nature Reserves is a huge step forward in restoring this beautiful canal. It is a testament to the dedication of so many people over several years who have kept the dream alive and we're hugely excited to see the diggers on site."

John Dodwell, chair of the Montgomery Canal Partnership said: "This is a new step forward in the 10-year strategy to restore the Canal back to Welshpool – and then on to Newtown.

## Licence consultation final stage

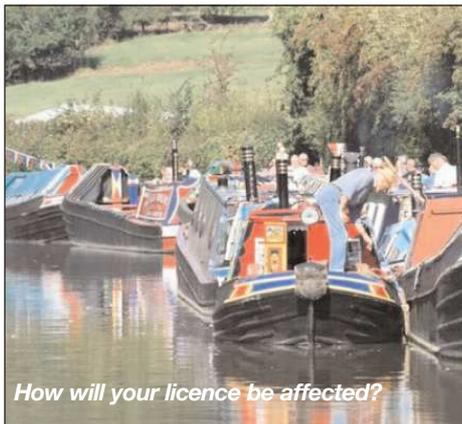
**T**he second stage of Canal & River Trust's boat licensing consultation has finished, although not without some criticism, with one liveaboard group describing it as 'shambolic and misleading'.

Nine workshops were held across the country with just 13 5 places available, but the National Bargee Travellers Association claims many places were not taken up and the briefings given by those running the workshops were not accurate. C&RT has promised that a report on the topics and views that came up in the workshops will be available in late July and will be published. Stage three of the consultation is likely to be launched in mid-August. All current boat licence holders will be contacted to take part in this final stage of the consultation. Boaters will be able to respond by email, post or telephone.

Ian Rogers, our customer service and operations director said: "We've had a fantastic response to the consultation so far and it's great to see so much interest in a topic that is fundamentally important for our boaters. It's vital that the financial contribution made by boaters is spread fairly

across the boating community – both now and for the future.

"I'd encourage all our boating customers to respond to the consultation when it goes live in August so that we have a full view of boaters' thoughts and feelings to help us shape the future of boat licensing."

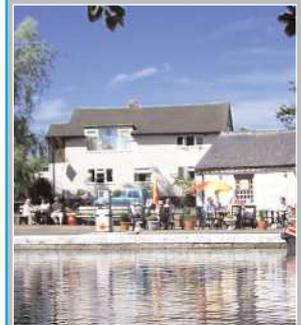


How will your licence be affected?

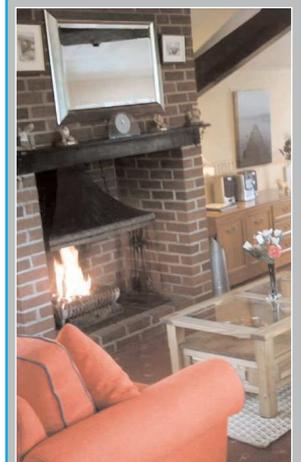
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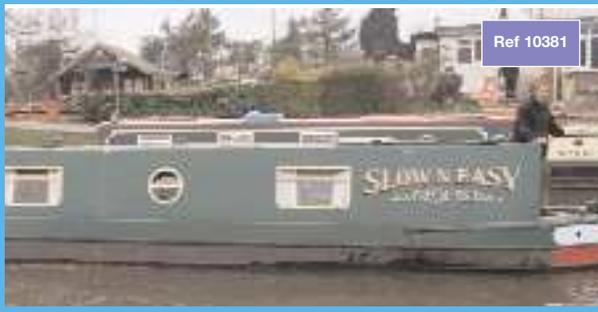
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# Boats for sale

## Slow n Easy

65 foot semi-trad all steel narrow boat built in 2002 by Burton Narrowboats and powered by a Beta Marine 43HP engine with twin alternators and PRM hydraulic operated gearbox. Hot water is via a twin coil calorifier, fed by the engine, gas central heating and a 240V immersion heater. From entering the boat at the rear some steps take you to the rear cabin laid out as two single bunks, that can be made in to a large double bed across the width of the boat. Then comes the shower room and pump out toilet. Forward of this is the double bed, and then comes the galley before a large saloon with L shaped seating and lots of space with bow doors leading to the front deck.

£34,999



## John O Dreams

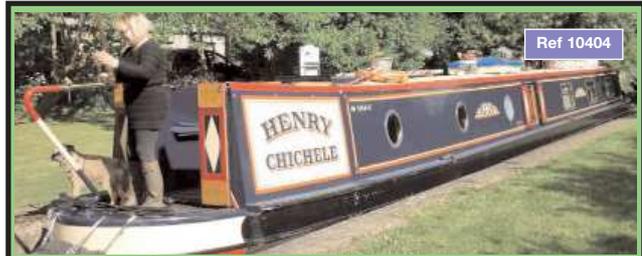
is an all-steel 38 foot traditional stern narrow boat. The boat has a four year Boat Safety Certificate in place and has recently had a hull condition survey showing that the boat is insurable and only requires a small amount of work to give it a full bill of health. From entering at the rear of the boat is the engine room with twin cylinder Lister engine, followed by the bedroom, next comes the shower room, pullman dinette area and finally the galley which is fitted with all new appliances.

The boat is heated by a solid fuel stove. Cratch and cover fitted over forward well deck. This boat has been a project for the current owner and is still in need of some works to bring it up to a satisfactory standard.

£12,950



## Captain's Folly



## Henry Chichele

- a 68ft semi traditional stern narrow boat built by Reeves in 2005 and fitted out by Malcolm Smith, finishing in October 2009.

It is powered by a reliable 42hp Isuzu marine diesel engine with a hospital silencer considerably reducing the exhaust noise and a smooth running Python drive coupling ensuring you are guaranteed an enjoyable and peaceful time afloat.

The quality of the craftsmanship in this boat is second to none - lined out in marine oak faced ply and framed in substantial solid oak capping. All internal doors and front doors are bespoke including a pair of internal glazed doors to both side doors.

Henry Chichele is an ideal boat to be used for extended cruising or indeed living aboard by benefiting from: large fuel tank, large stainless steel water tank, washing machine, twin alternators, bowthruster, Victron 3kW inverter/charger, fuel gauge, water gauge, two flat screen television (saloon and bedroom) with 12v motorised satellite dish with Freeview sky box. This boat has been extremely well maintained by her current owner.

£69,950

## Alfie

is a 50 foot long steel hulled narrowboat with fibreglass cabin and new uPVC windows. The hull was over plated in 2013 and there's a before and after survey report available for viewing. The surveyor will issue another survey report for the new owner for a fee of £200. Powered by a three cylinder air cooled Lister engine, it has had a lot of money spent on it recently including: pram hood, cratch and cover, windows, washing machine and calorifier not to mention the over plating work. From entering the boat at the rear is the saloon with solid fuel stove, with a back boiler which just needs connecting up to the heating system. Next is the galley with new appliances, bathroom and finally the bedroom area with new uPVC front doors leading out on to the front deck. This boat has been used as a liveaboard although it does require some internal work.

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## Boat on Trailer

