

Fill in your details here, give this to the shop staff, or post it to us at the address below, or email us at [volunteer@chichestercanal.com](mailto:volunteer@chichestercanal.com) and we'll get in contact very soon.

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**Contact tel:**

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**Email Address:**

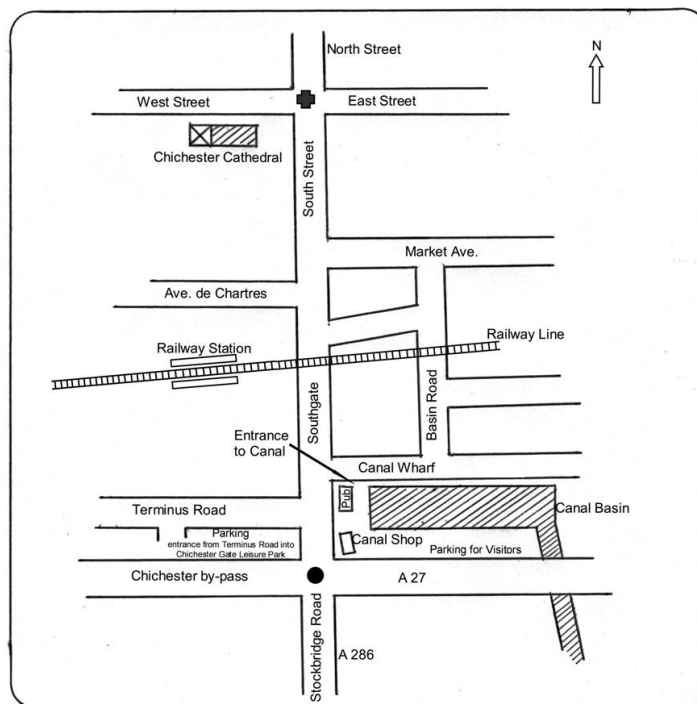
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**Our address:**

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**Find out more about us on our website:**

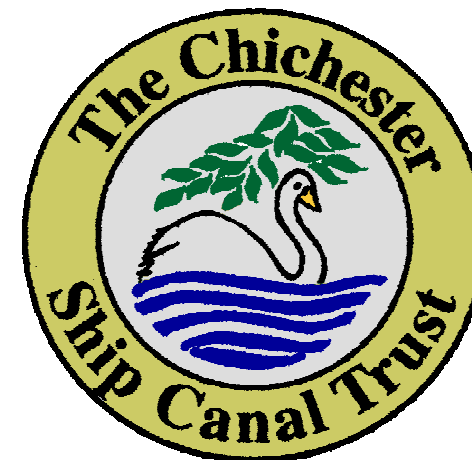
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By foot, from the City Centre, walk down South Street and cross the level crossing. The Canal Basin is only one minute south of the Bus & Rail Stations.

By car, from the A27, at the Stockbridge roundabout (A286), turn north towards Chichester railway station. The canal basin is the first turning on the right after the traffic lights.

There is limited free parking at the Canal Basin adjacent to the Canal Shop that is reserved for volunteers and visitors to the Canal. There is restricted parking in Canal Wharf Road. Otherwise the nearest car parks are the Westgate Centre (259 spaces) or Basin Road (115 spaces).



# Volunteering Opportunities

Great experiences,  
a chance to make new  
friends, learn new skills,  
enjoy lots of fun and  
feel useful working on a  
beautiful canal.

Could you help us to restore the canal and develop its amenities by joining the Chichester Ship Canal Trust?

Do you have time to spare, need exercise and all the fresh air you can handle?

Why not become actively involved?

Our immediate aim is to reopen the canal to Chichester harbour and for that we need to raise significant sums. We currently raise money through running tripboats along the 2 miles of navigable canal and by serving refreshments at the shop.

We carry 10,000 passengers on the boats each year and serve nearly 40,000 customers at the shop/HQ.

We are a completely voluntary, 'not for profit' organisation and we could not operate without our loyal group of volunteers.

### **As a volunteer, you can:**

- Discover more about the Chichester Ship Canal, the local history, nature and environment.
- Acquire skills such as hospitality, retailing, first aid, engineering and boatmanship.
- Take part in trips and events.
- Meet other people like yourself – and people not like yourself.
- Get outdoors and dirty, working on canal restoration and maintenance.
- Help us develop as an organisation.
- Learn how to be a crew member.
- Get involved in maintaining the boats and keeping them running.
- Train in helming boats and eventually for an MCA Boatmaster's Licence.

Our volunteering opportunities are open to all. We try to cater to people's differing reasons for becoming involved, as well as their abilities, skills and time available. We can never have too many volunteers. Skills are appreciated, but so is enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

Here is an idea of the range of opportunities:

#### Shop/HQ staff:

- purchasing, stocking and pricing
- refreshment sales, rowboat hire, canal information

#### Boat crew:

- skippers and boat helming
- cabin crew: keeping passengers safe, fed and refreshed

#### Boat engineering and maintenance:

- engine & hull engineers
- shipwrights & electricians
- general maintenance and painting

#### Boat crew training and rostering

#### Boat charter bookings and provisioning

#### Canal restoration and maintenance:

- towpath surfacing
- dredging
- vegetation management
- rubbish clearance

#### Water Bailiffs

#### Event planning and organising