

#### Volunteering

Our canal is managed by over 100 volunteers. They undertake a wide range of activities including crewing our trip boats, serving in the café, and maintaining our towpaths. Volunteering is fun, sociable and a great way to utilise your professional skills or develop a new area of expertise. We welcome whatever time you are able to give, whether that's a regular weekday morning or a weekend day on the boats. In return for their commitment, our volunteers receive full training, a supportive and sociable atmosphere and the opportunity to make a real difference to our canal.

# Please tick the activities in which you might be interested:

Towpath and waterway maintenance
Boat maintenance
Education/Heritage
Cabin crew
Administration
Café

Please indicate if you have any special skills or interests which may be useful to the Trust.

For more information on volunteering, visit our website www.chichestercanal.org.uk/volunteers/ or phone the Cafe 01243 771363, or pop in to see us. From time to time, the Trust may wish to inform you of events and other fundraising activities. Please tick if we may contact you by email.

If you do not tick any of the boxes, the Trust will assume that you do not wish to receive information. Your details will be retained securely.

They will only be used by the Trust and our Trading Company staff and volunteers, where it is essential to undertake our operations. It will not be shared with anyone else. Our full Data Protection Policy can be seen at www.chichestercanal.org.uk.

In becoming a member of the Trust, I/we agree to abide by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, available on our website.

Signature

#### Date

#### How did you find out about the canal?

It really helps us if we know how people first found out about the canal. Please tick the appropriate box below:

Local paper (e.g. the Observer)

Personal recommendation

Printed advert in:

Web search (which website?)

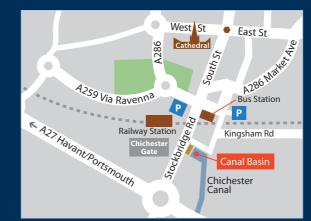
Social media (state where?)

When you have completed this form, please send it to Membership Secretary, Canal Cafe, Canal Wharf, Chichester PO19 8DT



# Membership and Volunteer Application Form





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# About the canal

The canal runs for 4 miles from the Basin near Chichester Station to the Harbour at Birdham.

The two miles from the Basin to near Donnington is navigable. It's a haven for wildlife.

Local people and visitors enjoy the wide range of activities offered, including popular daily scheduled boat trips, charter trips, our Waterside Cafe, rowing, canoeing, Stand Up Paddleboarding, walking and fishing.

# **Environmental conservation**

Beyond the Basin, the canal flows by mature trees and open farmland with distant views.

The Trust has a key objective to safeguard the heritage and natural habitat of the canal. Keeping the waterway and towpath clear and safe for users and providing an important habitat for wildlife is a delicate balance. The canal is identified as a Local Wildlife Site. We maintain the canal on behalf of West Sussex County Council.

## History

Opened in 1822, the canal is the only remaining waterfilled section of the Portsmouth to Arundel Canal, which was once part of the inland route from London to Portsmouth.

Through traffic ceased to London in 1838 and the section from Hunston to Ford was closed in 1853.

The canal was built to a larger gauge than most canals to allow access for coastal ships up to 100 tons to reach Chichester until 1906. After that, the Canal fell into neglect and silted up.

Plans for restoring the canal began in 1973. In 1992 the canal was re-opened, with a boat offering trips. The Trust was formed in 2002.

# **Membership benefits**

Thank you for supporting the canal. As a member, you:

- Help to maintain and develop the canal through your membership fee
- Receive Canal News regularly keeping you in touch with activities, projects and plans
- Attend social events
- Have voting rights in key decisions at our AGM
- May choose to volunteer in a wide range of enjoyable and fulfilling activities

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To join, please complete this form (in block capitals): Select a membership category (tick box)

Individual £12 Joint £18 Life £200

Title	First name

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Address

	Post Code
Phone	

Email

For joint membership, please include second member details:

Title	First name	
Surname		
Phone		
Email		

Annual membership fees may be paid preferably by
Direct Debit, giving your bank details below, or by card
payment, BACS to the Canal Trust account below or
cheque payable to The Chichester Ship Canal Trust.

#### **Direct Debit**

Bank			
Address			
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Sort code			
Please pay Chichester Ship Canal Trust			
HSBC Account 51127012 Sort Code 40-17-16			

Amount: £	on	//20

And thereafter on the same date each year until further notice

Signature Date

### Thank you for supporting the canal

#### Gift Aid Declaration

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/ or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I will notify the Canal Trust if I want to change this declaration, if I no longer pay sufficient tax on my income and/or capital gains or I change my name or home address. I understand that the Canal Trust will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. If I pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to me, I will include all my Gift Aid donations on my Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust my tax code.

Signature

Date