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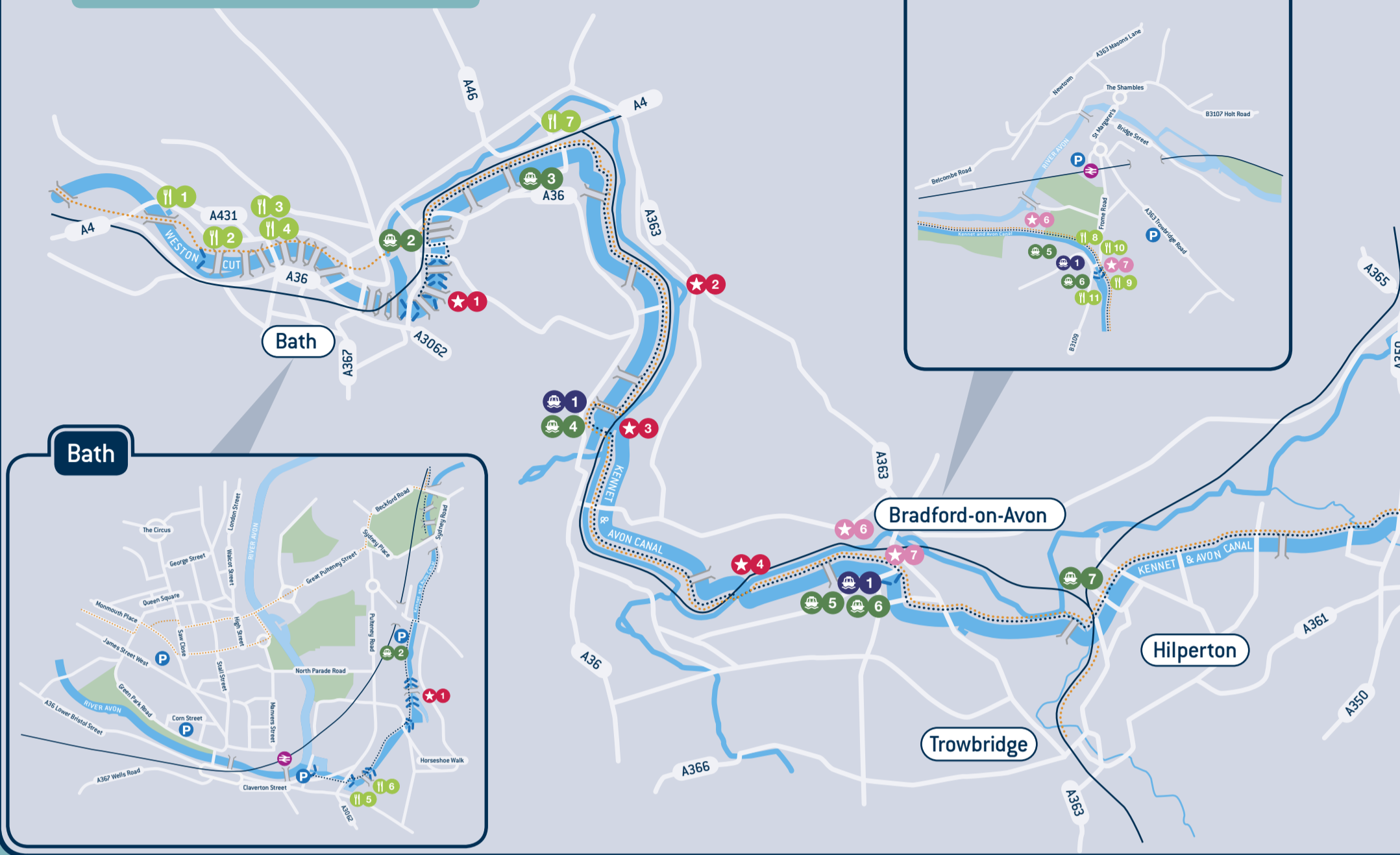
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# YOUR LOCAL CANAL

## Kennet & Avon Canal

### Bradford-on-Avon



### The Kennet & Avon Canal

Stretching for 87 miles past rolling hills and downs, through pretty towns and villages as well as stunning countryside, the Kennet & Avon Canal is one of the most picturesque parts of the inland waterway network. The canal travels from Reading to the outskirts of Bristol taking in many towns and villages on its way. Use this guide to discover more about the waterway and the many things to see and do on and around it in this, its bicentenary year.



### Museums and Attractions

- ★ 6 **The Tithe Barn, workshops and galleries, Bradford-on-Avon**  
This spectacular fourteenth century monastic stone barn, which sits alongside the Kennet & Avon, has been lovingly restored by English Heritage. The impressive space, spanned by a remarkable timber truck roof, is well worth a trip off the towpath. The buildings around the barn now house a variety of workshops and gallery space, making this a unique destination in Bradford-on-Avon. The Tithe Barn is open from 10.30am until 4pm all year, except Christmas Day. Entrance is free.  
*The Tithe Barn, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1LF*
- ★ 7 **TT Cycle Hire**  
Take to the water or cycle the canal with a range of bikes, trailers and canoes for hire or sale from this waterside centre. Here they've got lots of expert advice and bags of enthusiasm for exploring the Kennet & Avon by pedal or paddle

### Along the canal

- ★ 1 **The Bath Lock Flight**  
Rising from Bath's scenic streets and winding through the character and charm of Widcombe and Bathwick, the Kennet & Avon Canal is the perfect way to explore another side of this well loved spa town. The Bath Lock Flight boasts one of the deepest locks in the country – over 18 ft – as well as towpath tunnels and other interesting pieces of historic infrastructure. Step back and admire the panoramic views of the city or get up close and personal on one of the romantic bridges that span the waterway.
- ★ 2 **Claverton Pumping Station**  
The pumping station at Claverton was completed in 1813 to drive water from the River Avon to the Kennet & Avon Canal nearly 50 ft above it. Having fallen into disrepair in the 1950s, it was restored by a group of students from Bath University and the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust. You can visit the impressive working mechanisms housed in the pretty Bath stone pumping station when it is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays between April and November.  
*Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton BA2 7BH Tel: 01225 483 001.*
- ★ 3 **Dundas Basin and Aqueduct**  
Carrying the canal over the River Avon, this picturesque piece of waterway heritage is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and one of the most scenic sights on the Kennet & Avon Canal. The structure was completed by John Rennie in 1805. Its graceful arches, made of the mellow Bath stone are exceptional enough, but they also offer an unrivalled vantage point from which to view the surrounding countryside. Just a few miles outside Bath, the aqueduct is a good destination for cyclists, or the more adventurous walker. With colourful moorings and a café to enjoy once you get there, the site is well worth a visit.
- ★ 4 **Avoncliff Aqueduct**  
The Avoncliff Aqueduct is another example of John Rennie's engineering expertise. Just outside Bradford-on-Avon, it's a good spot to head for if you need to walk off the delights of the waterside pubs, cafés and restaurants in the town. An important piece of industrial heritage and an impressive example of nineteenth century engineering, it's also an exceptionally scenic site to stroll around.
- ★ 5 **Caen Hill Lock Flight**  
This series of 16 locks has been described as the most impressive lock flight on the inland waterway network. Lifting the canal through the market town of Devizes, this heritage site is a must-see. The locks and side ponds offer an interesting walking or cycling route, and you can find out more about the impressive working mechanisms from the information panels around the flight.  
After all that activity you'll have earned a cup of tea and a piece of cake from the café at the top of the flight, which is open every day in the summer months.  
For information on what you can find there as well as the car parking facilities at the site, visit: [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com)



### Take to the water

- ★ 1 **Trip boats from the K&A Canal Trust**  
Based at some of the most popular canal sites on the K&A, the Trust's trip boats offer a great opportunity to take to the water. You can find their boats, which generally operate in the summer season on weekends and bank holidays as well as some weekdays, at Hungerford Wharf, Brassknocker Basin in Limpley Stoke, Bradford-on-Avon and Devizes. Find out more about timings and prices as well as chartering the boats and special events on their website: [www.katrust.org](http://www.katrust.org) or contact them at *The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, The Canal Centre, Couch Lane, Devizes SN10 1EB. Tel: 01380 721279*
- ★ 2 **Holiday Hire**  
There's no better way to explore the beautiful Wiltshire and Berkshire countryside which surrounds the Kennet & Avon than on a canal boat holiday. These companies offer a range of boat hire options:  
*Bath Narrowboats, Sydney Wharf, Bathwick Hill, Bath BA2 4EL Tel: 01225 447276*

## Devizes



## Key

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- Boat Trip & Hire
- Parking

Find local area canal and river maps at [www.waterscape.com/map](http://www.waterscape.com/map)

For further information please contact  
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 London W2 6TT Tel: 020 7985 7200  
 E: [enquires.kennetavon@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:enquires.kennetavon@britishwaterways.co.uk)  
**British Waterways Customer Service Centre**  
 Tel: 01923 201120



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power, making this the perfect place to start your day out on the navigation.

*TT Cycles, TT Cycles @ the Lock Inn, 48 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire BA15 1LE  
 Tel: 01225 867 187 or email: [info@ttcycles.co.uk](mailto:info@ttcycles.co.uk)  
[www.ttcycles.co.uk](http://www.ttcycles.co.uk)*

### ★ 8 Wadworth Brewery Visitor Centre, Devizes

Founded in 1875, this local family-owned brewery has a unique role in local history. Still brewing on site and responsible for some of the most popular pubs in the region, Wadworth is famous for its wide range of traditional beers. Find out more about the history of the organisation and their role in the local community at the visitor centre, or sample their finest wares by setting off on one of the brewery tours.

*Wadworth Brewery Visitor Centre,  
 New Park Street, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1JW  
 Tel: 01380 732277  
 or email: [visitorcentre@wadworth.co.uk](mailto:visitorcentre@wadworth.co.uk)*

### ★ 9 Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Museum, Devizes

Lovingly presented by the volunteers of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, this museum gives a real insight into the construction of the canal and its restoration in the late twentieth century. Set on Devizes Wharf, the museum is also the ideal waterside spot to enjoy a drink or an ice cream at their outside seating space in the summer season. The Trust run boat trips from the Wharf meaning you can enjoy all the character and charm of the canal at this key canalside site.

*The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Museum,  
 Couch Lane, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1EB  
 Tel: 01380 721279.*



## Where to eat and drink

### Bath

- 1 **The Boathouse**  
*Newbridge Road, Bath BA1 3NB  
 Tel: 01225 482 584*
- 2 **The Dolphin Inn**  
*103 Locksbrook Road, Bath BA1 3EN  
 Tel: 01225 445048*
- 3 **The Hop Pole**  
*7 Albion Buildings, Upper Bristol Road, Bath BA1 3DH  
 Tel: 01225 446327*
- 4 **Picnic in the Park**  
*16 Lark Place, Bath BA1 3BA  
 Tel: 01225 461620*
- 5 **Kindling Coffee Co.**  
*9A Claverton Buildings, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4LD  
 Tel: 01225 442 125*
- 6 **The White Hart Inn**  
*Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA  
 Tel: 01225 338 053*
- 7 **The George Inn**  
*Mill Lane, Bathampton, Bath BA2 6TR  
 Tel: 01225 425079*

### Bradford-on-Avon

- 8 **The Lock Inn Café**  
*48 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts BA15 1LE  
 Tel: 01225 868 068*

- 9 **The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Tea Room**  
*Bradford-on-Avon Wharf, alongside Bradford Lock and Frome Road Bridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts  
 Tel: 01225 868 683*

- 10 **The Canal Tavern**  
*49 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts BA15 1LE  
 Tel: 01225 867426*
- 11 **The Barge Inn**  
*17 Frome Road, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts BA15 2EA  
 Tel: 01225 863403*

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- 12 **The Caen Hill Café and Information Centre**  
*Devizes Locks, Caen Hill, Devizes, Wilts  
 Tel: 01452 318000*
- 13 **The Black Horse Pub**  
*Bath Road, Devizes, Wilts SN10 2AU  
 Tel: 01380 723930*
- 14 **The Artichoke Inn**  
*The Nursery, Devizes, Wilts SN10 2AA  
 Tel: 01380 723 400*

- 3 **Bath Canal Boat Company,**  
*74 Warminster Road, Bath BA2 6RU  
 Tel: 01225 312935*

- 4 **Bath & Dundas Canal Co,**  
*Brassknocker Basin, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7JD  
 Tel: 01225 722292*

- 5 **Moonraker Luxury Canal Boats,**  
*The Barge Inn, The Kennet & Avon Canal, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 2EA  
 Tel: 07973 876891*

- 6 **Sally Narrowboats,**  
*Bradford-on-Avon Marina, Trowbridge Road, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1UD  
 Tel: 01225 864923*

- 7 **UK Boat Hire, Hilperton Marina,**  
*Hammond Way, Trowbridge BA14 8RS  
 Tel: 01225 765 243*

- 8 **Foxhangers Canal Holidays,**  
*Lower Foxhangers Farm, Nr Rowde, Devizes SN10 1SS  
 Tel: 01380 828795*

- 9 **White Horse Boats,**  
*Devizes Wharf, Couch Lane, Devizes SN10 1EB  
 Tel: 01380 728504*

- 10 **Devizes Marina,**  
*Horton Avenue, Devizes SN10 2RH  
 Tel: 01380 725300*

- 11 **The Bruce Trust,**  
*PO Box 21, Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 9YY  
 Tel: 01672 515498*

- 12 **Days out with a difference**  
 Take to the water the old fashioned way with the Horse Boat Company at Hungerford.  
*Kennet Horse Boat Company,  
 1 Holt Road, Kintbury, Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 9UY  
 Tel: 01488 658 866*



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## The K&A 200



### The Kennet & Avon Canal is 200 years old!

Since it was completed in 1810, this picturesque canal has seen much change and development, including near dilapidation in the 1960s when this national treasure was nearly lost forever. Luckily, the canal's fate was changed when local people and waterway enthusiasts formed the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust and worked together to restore the canal to its former glory.

In 1990 the Trust's fundraising, campaigning and volunteer work was rewarded when the canal was officially re-opened by HM The Queen. Since then the Trust has worked with local agencies and British Waterways to enhance and develop the waterway for boating and leisure activities. In 2003, following the largest ever single Heritage Lottery grant of £25 million, the restoration was completed and, keeping up the Royal connections, a visit from HRH Prince Charles marked the occasion.

Today the canal is home to a wide range of leisure activities. From cycling and walking to wildlife watching, boat trips, museums and tearooms, the Kennet & Avon Canal is a vibrant piece of living heritage right on your doorstep.

Find out more about the bicentenary celebrations and how you can get involved at [www.waterscape.com/k&a200](http://www.waterscape.com/k&a200) and from there you can follow us on Twitter and find our Facebook page.

## K&A 200 events

A number of local people and interest groups have got together to design a wide range of events to mark this major milestone in the history of the waterway. Here's a taste of the many different activities you can get involved in. You can find many more listed on the dedicated pages on British Waterways' leisure website: [www.waterscape.com/k&a200](http://www.waterscape.com/k&a200)

### **The Ramblers' Relay, Saturday 8 May – Saturday 15 May 2010 Reading to Bristol**

Walk the length of the navigation to mark its 200th birthday as well as the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Ramblers Association. Broken into manageable stages across a week, this route has something for everyone. Find out where they'll be and when at [www.ramblers75.org.uk/baton-walks](http://www.ramblers75.org.uk/baton-walks)

### **The RNLI Fun Day, Sunday 30 May 2010 The Caen Hill Flight, Devizes**

This fundraising event taking place alongside the magnificent Caen Hill Lock Flight will see this national charity bring stalls, activities and refreshments to the waterside.

For more information, visit: [www.rnli.org.uk](http://www.rnli.org.uk)

### **Widcombe Rising, Sunday 13 June 2010, Widcombe, Bath**

This event brings all manner of performance, music, dance and creative activity to the streets of Bath. This year they will also be celebrating the K&A 200.

Get more information on the event at [www.widcombe.net](http://www.widcombe.net)

### **The Devizes Christmas Festival and Lantern Parade, Friday 26 November 2010, Devizes**

This well loved annual event will be one of the key celebrations planned to mark the bicentenary. With a redirected route taking in Devizes Wharf and the waterway, it will bring all the show and spectacle of this lantern parade to the K&A 200 celebrations.

Find out more at [www.devizesfestival.org.uk](http://www.devizesfestival.org.uk)



## Local canal activities

### Wake up to walking on the Kennet & Avon

While there are plenty of opportunities to sit back, relax and watch the world go by on the waterside, the towpath also offers an ideal walking route through some of Wiltshire and Berkshire's best loved countryside. Navigating this canal has never been so easy with lots of routes across the Kennet & Avon's 87 mile length listed on [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com)

### Waterside wildlife watching

Whether it's a green corridor through the towns and cities, or an aquatic environment in the heart of the countryside, the canals offer plenty of opportunity for ecological escapism. Arm yourself with a British Waterways wildlife survey from [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com) or simply spot for spotting's sake. Either way there's lots to see on the Kennet & Avon.

### See it from the saddle! Cycling alongside the canal

Pedals have never been so popular and the towpath of the Kennet & Avon offers an ideal traffic-free route through some of the most scenic stretches of countryside around. With routes available on [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com) and excellent signposting by Sustrans it's easy to get back in the frame for biking on the backwaters.

While all waterway users are welcome, it's important that cyclists exercise caution around the canals. Please ensure your bike has a bell and that you use it to warn others of your approach. Remember, ring twice, pass slowly; be nice!

## Getting involved

To mark the Kennet & Avon's bicentenary year, British Waterways is launching a £100,000 project to revitalise the waterway around the Bath Flight in the Widcombe and Bathwick areas of the city. British Waterways is calling on local residents and businesses to match this commitment by donating 200 units of their resources to the canal and its surroundings. Whether it's spending 200 minutes of your time tidying the towpath or donating 200 bulbs to be planted on a lock-side, British Waterways would like to hear from you.

Get in touch with your ideas by emailing [KA200projects@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:KA200projects@britishwaterways.co.uk)

Find out more about this project and other ways to get involved in volunteering on the Kennet & Avon Canal at [www.waterscape.com/k&a200](http://www.waterscape.com/k&a200)

The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust is a volunteer organisation which has been doing vital work on the K&A for over forty years. With shops, cafés, museums and attractions in their network and many more activities going on on the canal, they offer a range of options for anyone interested in getting out and about on their local waterway.

To find out more visit their web pages at [www.katrust.org](http://www.katrust.org) or get in touch by emailing [kavolunteer@btconnect.com](mailto:kavolunteer@btconnect.com)

