

Staveley Town Lock & Hartington Harbour

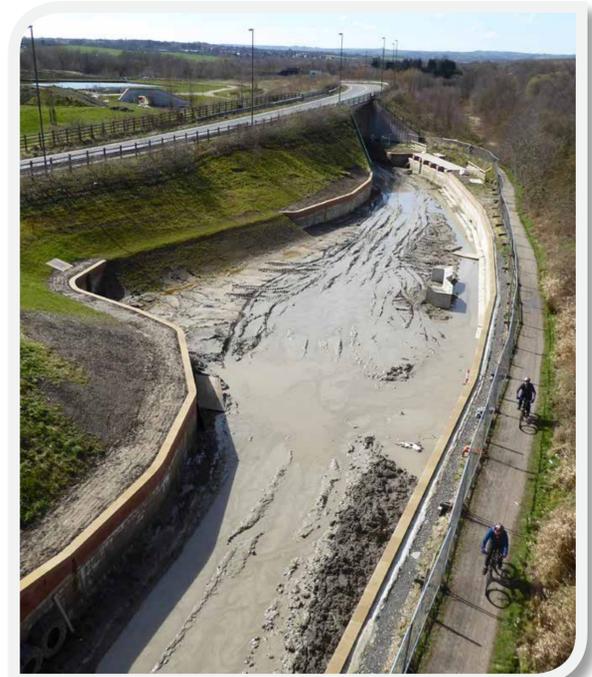


The basin was built in 2011 thanks to a grant from the East Midlands Development Agency and some funding from Derbyshire County Council. It opened in January 2012.



Who is doing the work?

Most of the work that you see here has been done by volunteers from the Chesterfield Canal Trust, with occasional help from the volunteers of the Waterway Recovery Group. The bridge at the end of the lock, the bywash, the lock gates, the spill weir base and the metalwork were done by contractors working for Derbyshire County Council. Everything else - the lock, the excavations, the brick facing to the bridge, the walls, the blockwork, the brickwork, the spill weir - was all done by volunteers.



Who is in charge of this site?

This site and the canal belong to Derbyshire County Council. It is part of the Markham Vale development. The Chesterfield Canal Trust volunteers work under the direction of DCC engineers.



What next?

In the 400 metres beyond the present works, the line of the canal crosses land owned by Network Rail (soon to be taken over by HS2), Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council (for the Trans-Pennine Trail) and then Chesterfield Borough Council again. We have to reach agreements with all these parties and get planning permission, but first we are awaiting news of the final plans from HS2 for how they will bridge across the canal. Until then, we can go no further.

Who owns the plant being used?

The excavators, the telehandler, the dumper trucks, the cement mixers and the compound all belong to the Chesterfield Canal Trust, which is a charity.

Who is paying for all this work?

The Trust has invested nearly £200,000 so far in this project. Nearly half the funding has come in donations, the rest has come from other activities like our tripboats, membership fees, sales etc. (As an example, a cubic metre of concrete costs over £100 and there are 300 cubic metres in the lock alone.) There have been over 40,000 hours of volunteer time, which is equivalent to over 20 years' work. As part of its Markham Vale investment, Derbyshire County Council has given substantial financial support to progress the development and continues to seek funding to assist completion of the work. The lock gates were mostly funded by a Landfill Communities Fund Grant of £37,500 donated by Veolia Environmental Trust.



Why build a new lock here?

The new lock was needed to get under the mineral railway line beyond Eckington Road Bridge. This had subsided since the canal was abandoned, so we have had to build a lock to drop the level of the canal. Eventually this line will be used by HS2 to get to its Infrastructure Maintenance Depot on the old Staveley Chemical Works site on the other side of Hall Lane.

For further information and to make a donation, search for Chesterfield Canal Trust.

