



Corporate Working Days

1. The Basingstoke Canal was opened in 1794 and was a key route to transporting goods locally for over 150 years. In the 1960s the canal fell into disuse and following extensive restoration it reopened in 1990. It is now used as a leisure facility by around 300,000 people regularly each year.
2. Our corporate working party days are a great way for your organisation to help maintain this historic landmark and contribute to the local area.
3. We will agree the details of the days with you - which section of the canal your team will work with us on, tasks they will undertake, date and times etc.
4. The team will be supervised by qualified team leaders. All the team leads have been through and passed Hampshire County Council's team leader course. In addition, they all hold valid First Aid certificates for water safety.
5. All participants are covered by the Society's Public Liability Insurance. We will create a site-specific Risk Assessment and Task Sheet and will need to add participant names and their emergency contact details.
6. All the work is manual, no power tools to be used. We will supply all required equipment and Personal Protective Equipment.
7. Participants will need to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day and the work they are undertaking - i.e. clothes and shoes they don't mind getting dirty/soiled.
8. In most locations there are no food or drink facilities close by and the team will therefore need to bring refreshments they anticipate they will need during the day.
9. Depending on the time of year some of the tasks may need to be paused or changed on the day due to local wildlife considerations (e.g. nesting birds).
10. We usually publicise our corporate working days through our website and/or social media accounts. This will normally include photographs of the day and your organisation in these communications. If you prefer us not to, or have any queries about this, please let me know. We can share photos with you for your communications if you wish.
11. The Basingstoke Canal Society is entirely funded by donations and to ensure we are able to keep the canal alive and vibrant we ask for a minimum donation of £500 for every corporate working party day. We will create the required paperwork for your donation as it should be tax-deductible.