

Python's Heritage



Built in 1929 by Yarwood's of Northwich, Python was originally 71' 6" long and became part of Fellows Morton & Clayton's carrying fleet.

Around 1980 British Waterways cut a slice out of her to make a 50' workboat based on Regent's Canal in London.

In 2009, the Chesterfield Canal Trust leased her for £1 a year; two years later the lease was waived and she became part of the CCT fleet.

Trust volunteers did a cosmetic makeover but were not able to address serious structural issues.

By 2015 her hull was found to be perilously thin and she almost sank. She underwent full restoration supported by the Inland Waterways Association, National Historic Ships, Canal & River Trust and Paul Barber Boat Builders. The result is the fully operational workboat you see today

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The Chesterfield Canal Trust is a charitable company run entirely by volunteers.

We are currently campaigning to complete the full restoration by 2027 - the 250th Anniversary of the canal's opening.

The Trust offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities besides working with Python.

There are Work Parties on the canal at least twice a week. We run four tripboats - one based in Ranby, one at Shireoaks, one at Hollingwood Hub and the fourth in Chesterfield. Some volunteers have built Dawn Rose, the



first of the canal's unique type of narrowboats to be created for 100 years.

Our promotional trailer travels far and wide informing people about the canal and the Trust. The popular Hollingwood Hub,

canalside near Staveley, has a garden, Katey's Coffee Shop, our Information Centre & Shop, plus our office.

In addition, there are many other volunteering opportunities, such as towpath maintenance, gardening, archiving, and stewarding at Festivals.

We have well over 2,000 members, who receive copies of the award-winning magazine Cuckoo and regular E-Newsletters.



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Restored Historic 1929 Narrowboat



What we do



**Canal &
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Making life better by water

We work in partnership with Canal & River Trust to maintain the canal from West Stockwith through Retford and Worksop to Kiveton Park.

Activities include seasonal vegetation cutbacks, removing rubbish from the water, clearing litter from the towpaths, clearing stonework round locks, clearing bywashes, dealing with discarded fishing line and cleaning signs and milestones.

We welcome all adults regardless of ability or fitness levels. There is a job for everyone. Young people aged 16-18 are welcome to join us if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

