

# Waterworks

Volunteer Training & Restoration on the  
Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal in Cwmbran

**WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
HELP!**



## Waterworks

Waterworks is a heritage lottery funded project to restore a 1.5km (1 mile) stretch of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal, in Llantarnam, south Cwmbran using community volunteers. The project, which is being led by Torfaen County Borough Council and the Monmouthshire, Brecon & Abergavenny Canals Trust, will provide training in canal restoration and heritage skills to help sustain the canal in the future.

We need you to volunteer to help in any way you can to help us restore this amazing section of canal. Once restored it's hoped this rural section of canal will be used by everyone in the community, attracting visitors, and helping people to gain skills and jobs.

## Why we need volunteers

The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal flows from Brecon through the Brecon Beacons National Park and Torfaen to Newport and Caerphilly. Now 200 years old, the canal is an important part of our landscape and industrial heritage.

Restoring the disused canal through Ty Coch in Cwmbran forms part of a long term strategy to reopen the canal to navigation. By doing so, the canal can provide a recreational resource and attractive green corridor at the heart of the community that can play a major role in the regeneration of the area.

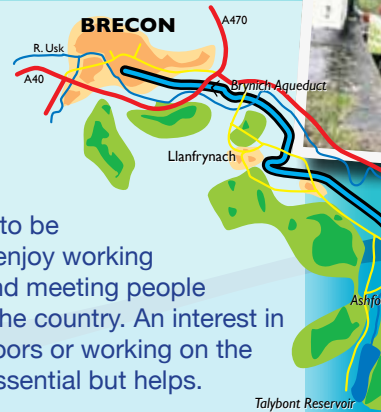
## Who are we looking for?

You will need to be enthusiastic, enjoy working with others and meeting people from all over the country. An interest in working outdoors or working on the canal is not essential but helps.

## Things to get involved in:

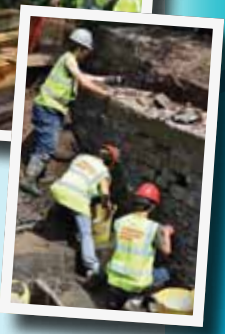
The project will provide a wide range of volunteering and training opportunities and we are keen to hear from anyone what ever your skills or experience. Opportunities include:

- Restoration of canal locks, bridges and other heritage structures
- Constructing traditional lock gates
- Maintaining the canal
- Environmental improvements and habitat creation such as hedge laying and tree planting
- Helping to arrange and run community events
- Getting involved in public art, historic research and interpretation
- Undertaking heritage, wildlife and user surveys of the canal
- Helping build and managing our web site



## Are there any restrictions?

Yes, all potential volunteers need to fill in a more detailed sign up form and have two satisfactory references. The form is easy to fill in and can be finalised with our supervisor on one of our open days. Once the form has been completed and your details have been received you are able to start on site subject to capacity.







## What time commitment is there and when can I volunteer?

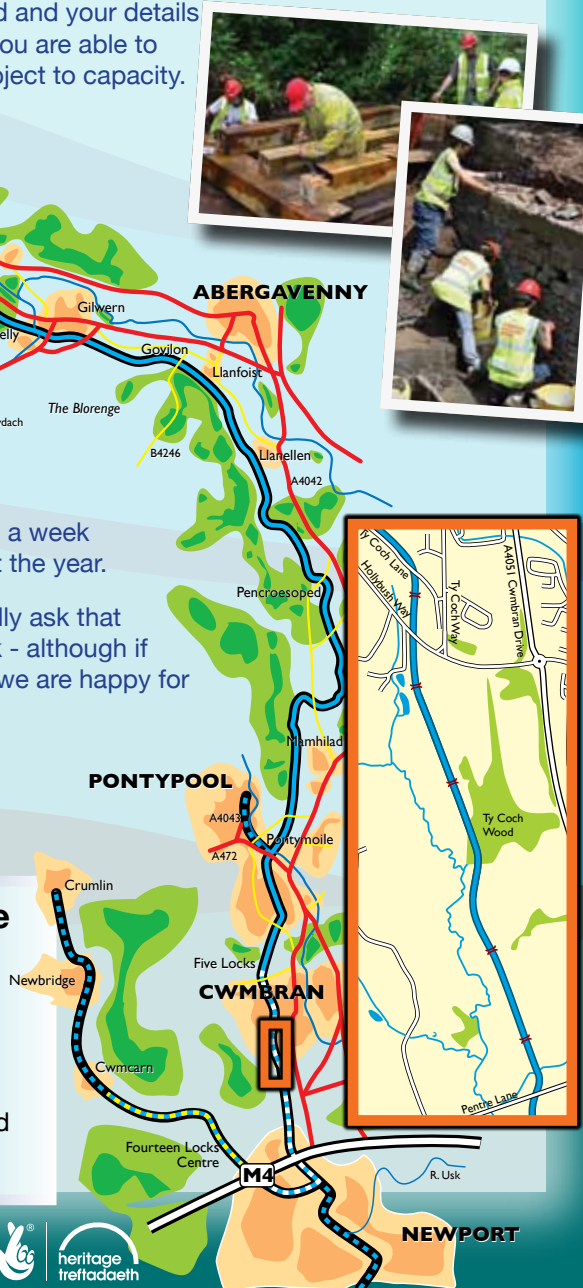
The project will be running five days a week Mon – Friday, 9am- 5pm throughout the year.

To volunteer on the project we usually ask that you commit at least one day a week - although if you can attend a full five days then we are happy for you to come along.

If the above does not suit your time commitments then please give us a call to discuss how we could accommodate you.

### The Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal

-  Cruiseway
-  Abandoned areas
-  Areas to be restored
-  Crumlin Arm



# Volunteer Sign Up

If you would like to get involved please fill in and return the form below or contact us via phone or email. We will post out an application form or arrange a time to meet and help you fill out your application.

I am interested in becoming a volunteer on the Waterworks project:

Title..... Surname..... Forename.....

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

What would you like to be involved in.....

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Signature..... Date.....

*Please return to: Ty Blaen, Panteg Way, New Inn, NP4 0LS*



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