

## Why volunteer?

The objective for which the Trust is established is the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the river for the use by the public. We need additional help to run the navigation. Volunteers provide invaluable assistance to the Trust, their work being vital to achieve the objective and create goodwill amongst the boaters.

### What Volunteers Receive

A Welcome Pack includes a Uniform, River Avon Guide, Pennant, Badge, Illustrated Map of the River, Avon Navigation Trust Pen, One Year's FREE Membership of the Trust (subsequently normal subscription) and copies of the Avon Bulletin.

Please volunteer and give some of your spare time. It is a very rewarding experience.

It's a healthy activity in the great outdoors amongst the riverside sites and structures.

A great way to communicate with other volunteers, boaters and the general public.

### BE PART OF THE OLDEST INDEPENDENT CHARITABLE

#### NAVIGATION IN THE UK

*'Your Friendly Local Waterway'*

### Where, When & How?

(Other information you may need)

We've explained why volunteering is a good idea, but now you probably want to know the rest.

**Where ?** - You can volunteer anywhere along the River Avon, at any of the locks and grounds alongside that belong to the Avon Navigation Trust. You can also become a volunteer at our information centre in the Stratford upon Avon basin, on any day of the week that suits you.

**When ?** - Any dates that you have free in your diary! Let us know your preferences and when you are available and we will let you know how you can volunteer. Weekdays or weekends from just one day to as many as you wish. If you would like to support the Avon Navigation Trust but don't have time to volunteer, you can become a member of the Trust for as little as £10 per annum. In exchange you will receive details of what's recently happened, current information and future plans for the river Avon.

**How ?** - Contact us for an application form or download one off our web site. Contact details on the back of this leaflet.

## Stratford Waterways Information Centre

The Stratford Waterways Information Centre is based in the Bancroft basin on board the boat "William James". The volunteers who man this centre meet largely with the general public and deal with enquiries of where to go, information about the river Avon and the issuing of licenses. Tourist information leaflets are displayed and there is a souvenir shop.

You can work on board at any time and interact with the public at this lively tourist location.



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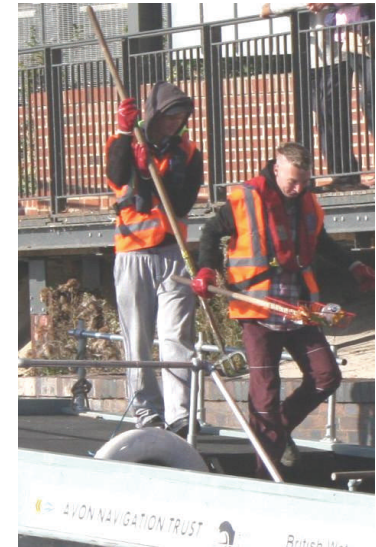
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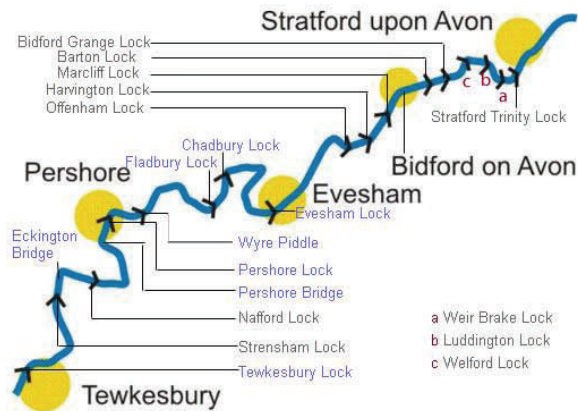
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## Why Not Become A VOLUNTEER Today!



# Volunteering with Avon Navigation Trust



## What can I do?

**Avon Navigation Trust** has a range of volunteering positions for you to choose from. Whether you are volunteering occasionally or on a regular basis, we have positions for all types of people with various skills. So if you are enthusiastic, willing to devote some time, creative or able to work physically, then take a look at the opportunities available.

**Adopt a Lock.** Become a Reach Master and help to maintain a lock and the surrounding area to make a local spot attractive for all. We have 17 locks along the Avon Navigation between Stratford-upon-Avon and Tewkesbury. Assisting boaters through the lock makes new friends and can be a very rewarding experience.

**Adopt an Overnight Mooring.** If you live by the Avon you can adopt an overnight mooring and assist in maintaining these areas for boaters and anyone who enjoys spending leisure time by the river.

**Support.** If you cannot commit enough time to become a Reach Master or Adoption Owner, you can still provide support and assistance to our team by seeing that the area is maintained for safety and is attractive for other locals and visitors.

**Events.** Enjoy events? Well you can volunteer for becoming involved with any events the Avon Navigation Trust holds or participates in. Whether it be marshalling for safety, helping on the ANT stand or providing general river information. You can volunteer when you have a free date in your diary. There are also duties before an event such as erecting marquees, fencing, safety preparation and boat mooring arrangements.

**Promoting the River.** We must promote the Avon on every possible occasion and encourage new volunteers to become involved with any particular aspect of our river. You can help get the public to know us through events, offering to hand out leaflets and generally getting the word out about the Avon Navigation Trust, encouraging more people to volunteer.

**Be a Lock Keeper for the day.** For more than 50 years the lower reaches have operated a Sundays and Bank Holidays lock keeping rota on the unmanned locks. This has proved to be very successful and is not only appreciated by boaters but is also enjoyed by the volunteers. It can be a fun day out for all the family.

**Any ideas?** If you are skilled in something specific then volunteer and we will match you to the most appropriate volunteer position. Even if you don't have a particular skill you can still volunteer with us and we will provide training if necessary to enable you to work alongside our maintenance and office teams.

## What you can gain from volunteering.

- Satisfaction from learning new processes and understanding how the river is maintained.
- Knowledge of the River Avon. Volunteering may include travelling along the river with machinery which will show you the delights of the wildlife and the wonderful scenery. Also how we maintain different locations and understand the navigational aspects of the river.
- If you are in a career or looking to enter a career involving the waterways, then here is your chance to obtain hands-on experience and information.
- Once you have successfully volunteered with Avon Navigation Trust, we are happy to provide a reference or certification to show the skills you have gained and what you have achieved.

## Who are we?

- A Registered Charity
- A Statutory Navigation Authority
- Responsible for the River Avon in Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.
- 47 miles from Alveston above Stratford upon Avon to Tewkesbury.
- 17 River Locks
- The largest independent charitable navigation authority in England.
- A non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee.
- 'To Administer, Maintain & Improve the River Avon Navigation.'



Help maintain your local area to keep it looking as beautiful as this.



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