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CANAL TRUST SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO WELCOME VISITORS TO BURNLEY

Waterways charity the Canal & River Trust wants to recruit new volunteers to welcome visitors to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in Burnley.

The Trust, which is responsible for caring for 2,000 miles of canals in England and Wales, runs a public welcome station from its base in Rosegrove, Burnley, and needs volunteers to meet and greet boaters, walkers, cyclists and anglers.

This year the Leeds & Liverpool Canal celebrates its 200th anniversary. The Trust is hoping the canal's higher profile will result in even more visitors being attracted to the popular waterway, the longest single man-made canal in Britain.



Volunteers play a vital role in the Trust's work to promote the canal network and engage with visitors.

Matt Taylor, the North West volunteer coordinator with the Trust, explained: "We are looking for people with a few spare hours each week who are enthusiastic about their local area and enjoy talking to people. We don't expect volunteers to have an expert knowledge of the canal. Full training will be given.

"This is a great way to meet new people and play a valuable role in helping visitors enjoy themselves. This is a seasonal role and if you enjoy being in the outdoors in the summer months, there are few pleasanter places to be than by our wonderful waterways."

To find out more contact Matt Taylor by emailing volunteer@canalrivertrust.org.uk or the Canal & River Trust volunteering team can be contacted via telephone on 0303 040 4040 from Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm (4.30pm on Fridays).

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The Canal & River Trust is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales, caring for the nation's third largest collection of listed structures, as well as museums, archives, and hundreds of important wildlife sites. We believe that *living waterways transform places and enrich lives* and our role is to make sure there is always a place on your doorstep where you can escape the pressures of everyday life, stretch your legs and simply feel closer to nature. www.canalrivertrust.org.uk [@CanalRiverTrust](https://www.instagram.com/CanalRiverTrust) [@crtcomms](https://www.facebook.com/crtcomms)

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