

PRESS RELEASE

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BARONS QUAY IN NORTHWICH BECOMES A NEW BOATING HOTSPOT

Barons Quay leisure development in Northwich is set to become a popular boating destination, thanks to new mooring pontoons installed by Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Canal & River Trust charity.

The moorings were officially opened on 11 March with a launch event. They have been constructed on the River Weaver, next to the Odeon Cinema, in a joint project to encourage visiting boaters to stay right in the heart of the leisure development, adding vibrancy and colour to the town centre.

The Trust, which cares for 2,000 miles of canals and rivers, installed the pontoons, which are 92 metres long and provide mooring space for up to four boats.

The £175,000 funding for the two pontoons came from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Councillor Brian Clarke, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure, said: “This is the latest addition to Barons Quay and part of our ongoing development plans for Northwich.

“Visitors arriving by boat will now have direct access to all of the town’s shops, restaurants and bars. Mooring at the front door of the Odeon has to be the most stylish way to visit the cinema. The boats are free to moor for up to 24 hours.”

Duncan Davenport, Customer Operations Manager with the Canal & River Trust, added: “Every year we welcome thousands of boaters to Cheshire’s waterways and it’s great we’re helping to turn Northwich into a boating hotspot. Added to other local waterside visitor attractions, Anderton Boat Lift and the Lion Salt Works, the new visitor moorings give another compelling reason for visiting the area.

“For many years, Northwich’s street layout and local architecture meant the town turned its back on the river. Now, with the new Baron’s Quay development, the River Weaver is rightly taking centre stage as a wonderful focal point. Enabling boats to moor in this area is a win, win for everyone. Boaters will help the local economy and their colourful narrowboats add to the attractive town centre waterway scene.”

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