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NEW LANCASTER CANAL GUIDE BOOK

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The picturesque Lancaster Canal, one of Britain's most beautiful waterways, is the centrepiece of an updated, illustrated guide launched by the Lancaster Canal Trust.

'The Complete Guide to the Lancaster Canal' is an indispensable treasure trove of information, maps and photos which will appeal to boaters, walkers, cyclists and anyone who simply enjoys messing about by the water.

The 92 page guide opens with fascinating articles on the history, engineering and ecology of the canal. It then guides readers on each stage of a journey from south to north, starting with the Ribble Link in Preston (opened in 2002) and ending with an unnavigable section north of Tewitfield, near Carnforth, which was severed by the M6 in the 1960s.

Editor John Laws explained: "This sixth edition is a much expanded and updated version of the previous guides. In 2019 the Lancaster Canal will be particularly in the spotlight as everyone celebrates its 200th anniversary. We are expecting boaters and tourists from all over the country to join with us in marking the incredible achievement of its completion from Preston to Kendal.

"Much has happened since the last version of the guide five years ago. The towpath from Canal Head in Kendal to Natland is due to be developed as a towpath walking trail. The canal has been crossed by the new 'Bay Gateway' link road at Milestone Bridge, near Lancaster, and the guide also features a new section on coke ovens, similar to lime kilns, that once proliferated along the canal in its working heyday."

At every stage of the canal journey, either on foot or afloat, the guide offers readers essential instructions, top tips and fascinating facts, including up-to-date information on nearby places of interest, shops, services, restaurants and pubs.

'The Complete Guide to the Lancaster Canal' is priced £6.50 and is published by the Lancaster Canal Trust. The guide is available from local bookshops and tourist information centres or through the Lancaster Canal Trust website, www.lancastercanaltrust.co.uk.

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About the Lancaster Canal Trust

The Lancaster Canal Trust is a registered charity. Its enthusiastic volunteers are dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the cruising section of the Lancaster Canal from Preston to Tewitfield, and promoting the restoration of the 'Northern Reaches' from Tewitfield to Kendal.

The Trust runs a trip boat 'Waterwitch' during the summer season and organises regular work parties for restoration and maintenance work.

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