

Leaving a gift to The Basingstoke Canal Society

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If you would like to know more about how a legacy might be used the Society would be very pleased to discuss this with you, and to have the opportunity to tell you about the rewarding work taking place to ensure the continued viability of the Basingstoke Canal.

Bequests can be left in different ways such as a set amount to be used flexibly at the Society's discretion, or as a gift towards a specific project. *The Society cannot give you specific advice on how to create a legacy; we strongly recommend that you use a solicitor who will make sure your wishes are just as you want them.*

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your will; whatever the amount – large or small – we are extremely grateful for any gift that is left to the society, after you have looked after family and friends.

Our promise to you

- 👍 We will answer any questions honestly and quickly
- 👍 We won't put you under pressure
- 👍 Your loved ones come first – we respect that
- 👍 We'll use your gift wisely and effectively
- 👍 You don't have to tell us your decision – we respect your right to privacy



Who we are

As the 'guardian' of the Basingstoke Canal, the Society campaigns to secure an environmentally sustainable long term future for the Canal for the benefit of its users and the community.

We work as part of the Canal Partnership which includes the Canal owners Surrey and Hampshire county councils, their agent the Basingstoke Canal Authority, and neighbouring borough and parish councils.

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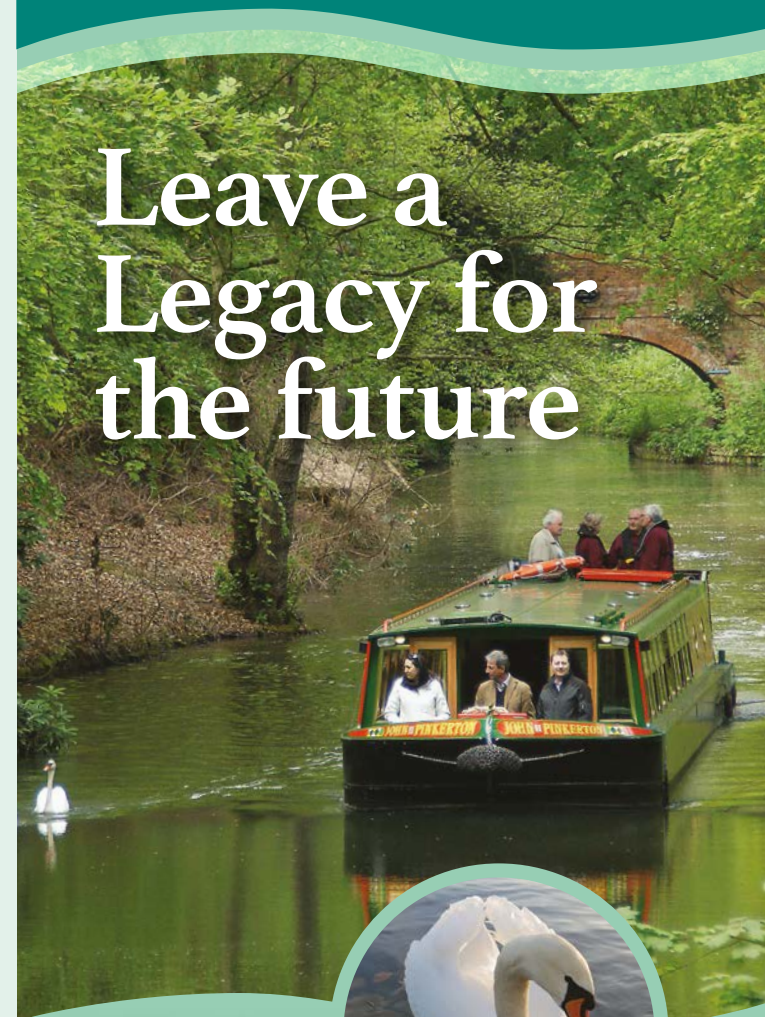
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Leave a Legacy for the future



A lasting gift



KEEPING THE CANAL ALIVE



Our Inheritance

The Basingstoke Canal today is a lovely stretch of water, towpaths and parks, winding its way for 32 miles through Hampshire and Surrey. It is enjoyed by thousands of walkers, cyclists, anglers and boaters throughout the year.

This beautiful waterway supports diverse and rare flora and fauna and is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), very different from the derelict canal threatened with abandonment fifty years ago.

The Basingstoke Canal Society has been determined to keep the Canal alive, working with the 'Canal Partnership' to rescue and revive this beautiful link to the past. A mainly volunteer workforce rebuilt locks and bridges, dredged the channel and cleared overgrown banks over 25 years, before the Canal was finally re-opened in 1991.

Today volunteers are still working to help ensure the Canal will continue to thrive and survive for the use and enjoyment of generations to come.



What can a gift in *your* will do?

Over the years legacies have been very important in helping the Society to carry out our restoration work, and much of the work of the Basingstoke

Canal Society has been funded by individuals. Some of our most important income has been gifted by people remembering the society in their will.

New mooring facilities are being built near Farnborough by volunteers – this make a real difference in our ability to extend the use of the Canal and generate income.

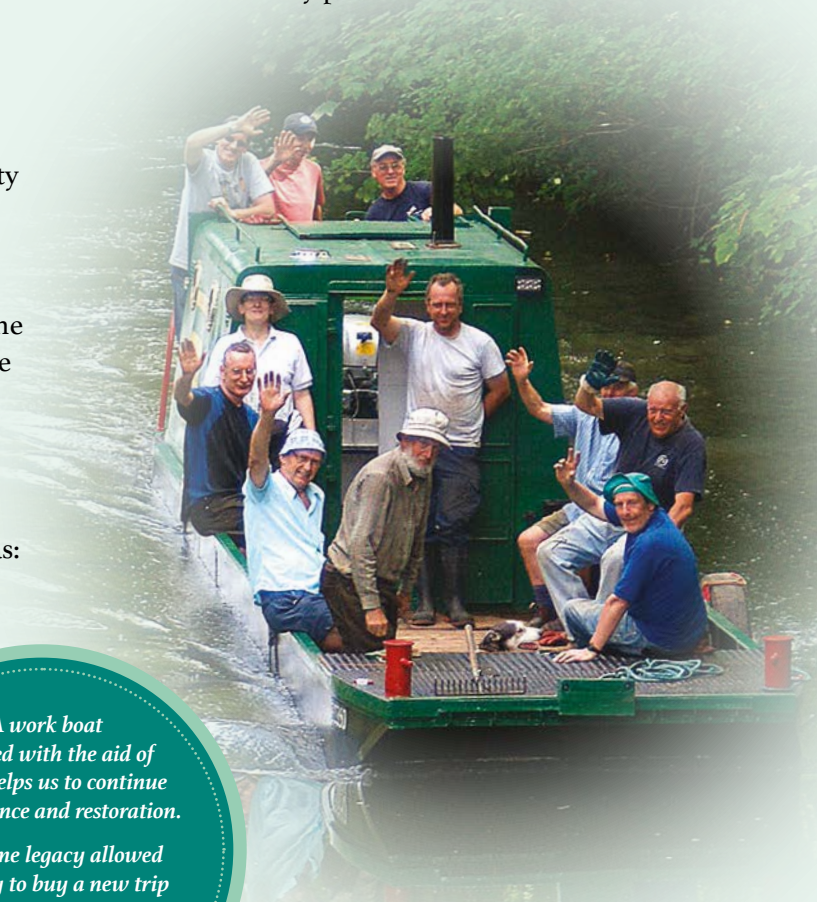
The Society is delighted that this new mooring will be named in remembrance of the legacy donors

Quite simply we couldn't have achieved the results of the last 50 years without them, and we thank them for their foresight and generosity.

Keeping our canal well maintained and used is as challenging as our original aim of restoration. There are many things that would improve the Canal such as:

- ✓ Ensuring navigable levels of water throughout the year
- ✓ Providing more secure boat moorings
- ✓ Enhancing the condition of the SSSI
- ✓ Developing visitor centres
- ✓ Improving the towpath
- ✓ Improving disabled access on our boats and sites
- ✓ Protecting the environment by upgrading our fleet with electric/hybrid boats

If you enjoy the Basingstoke Canal, whether you walk, cycle, fish, boat or simply find peace there, please consider leaving the Society a gift in your will, helping us to keep our canal thriving in years to come. It's a lovely place to be.



A work boat purchased with the aid of a legacy helps us to continue bank clearance and restoration.

The same legacy allowed the Society to buy a new trip boat, the John Pinkerton II, which is now a main source of income

