

The Uttoxeter Canal, once restored, will help revitalise the:

- Social
- Economic
- Cultural
- Environmental

Attributes of both the *Staffordshire Moorlands* and *East Staffordshire* locale that it navigates.

Restoration will:

- Improve existing local assets of:
Heritage and Wildlife.
- Bring the benefits of:
Extending the main canal system.
- Bring 'Rural Regeneration' including:
Increased dwell time for canal tourists.
Increased general visitor numbers.
A Community Focal Point.

Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust's Primary Goal:

- Protect the line of the Uttoxeter Canal from development to safeguard a future opportunity for restoration.

Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust's Objectives:

1. Preservation
To preserve the line of the Uttoxeter Canal and maintain in good order the structures and lengths of canal that still exist.
2. Recreation
To promote the creation of a walking route along the length of the Uttoxeter Canal, utilising as much of the original towpath as possible.
3. Restoration
To investigate the feasibility of restoring to navigation some or all of the Uttoxeter Canal.

Please join us and help in 'Bringing the Uttoxeter Canal Back to Life'.

Further details can be found on our website:

www.cuct.org.uk

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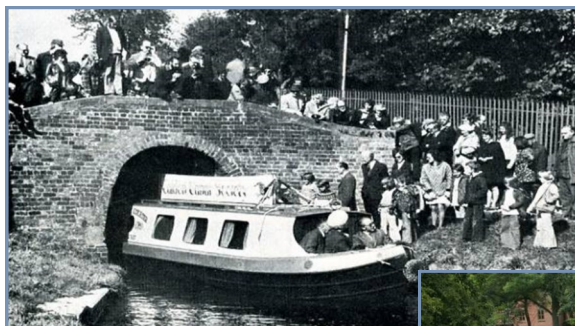


Help Bring the Uttoxeter Canal Back to Life

The 'Hidden Gem' of the Canal System



Much Has Been Achieved...



Caldon Canal:

Re-opening Ceremony

September 1974



Uttoxeter Canal:

"Destination Froghall" saw Lock 1 and Basin Re-opened July 2005



...but There's Still a Way to Go!

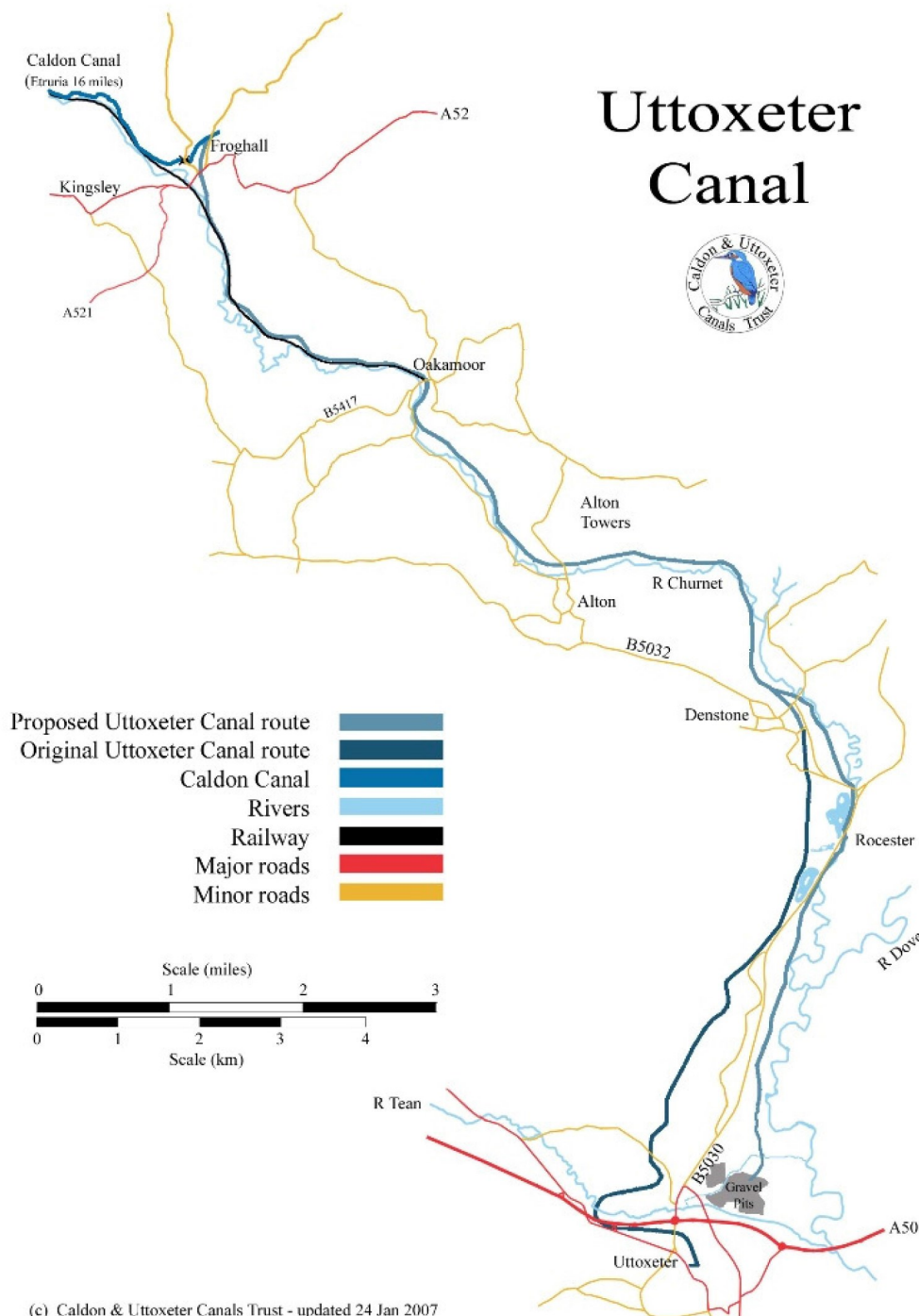
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Opened in 1811, the Uttoxeter Canal ran for 13 miles from a junction with the Caldon Canal at Froghall down the Churnet Valley via Oakamoor, Alton, Denstone and Rocester to a terminus in Uttoxeter. Unfortunately use of the new waterway was short lived and by 1849 it had closed, with some line of the canal being reused by the North Staffordshire Railway. The railway in turn later closed and much of the route reverted to farm land or was reinvented as public footpaths. The demolition of two very significant canal buildings in Uttoxeter at the same time as the "Destination Froghall" project was under way at the other end of the canal prompted members of the then Caldon Canal Society to look seriously at the rest of the Uttoxeter Canal. It seemed that much of the canal appeared to be in a restorable state, indeed several sections were still in water.



Bridge 70, owned and restored by the Trust

Although it would not be feasible to reinstate the last part of the route beyond the A50 dual carriageway into Uttoxeter, as nothing existed of the canal beyond the River Tean crossing on the edge of the town; during informal discussions with members of the Local Authority, the suggestion was made that an area to the north east of the town which is currently a gravel pit may make a suitable terminus for a restored canal. This is already earmarked for leisure use after quarrying ends. Spurred on by these positive investigations whilst mindful of the need to avoid further damage to the line of the canal, the Caldon Canal Society voted to change its name to the Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust and to adopt additional objectives with respect to the Uttoxeter Canal.



In early 2009 the Trust, in partnership with Staffordshire County Council, commissioned consulting engineers Halcrow Ltd, to undertake a study to "determine whether the restoration of the Uttoxeter Canal between the Caldon Canal at Froghall to the north and Uttoxeter Gravel Pits to the south is a feasible project." The Executive Summary stated: *"The conclusion of this report is that this is a technically feasible project. While there are a number of significant issues to address, with the appropriate work and consultation this should be possible. The restored canal will help maximise the potential of key economic drivers along its route and will create new opportunities for economic growth and prosperity. Beyond the purely economic benefits (job creation, increased visitor footfall, etc), the restored canal is likely to deliver wider social benefits."* -Paul Williams, Halcrow Group Ltd. The full report can be found on the trust's website at: www.cuct.org.uk/uttoxeter/restoration-outline-feasibility-study



Crumpwood Weir, unique to the Uttoxeter Canal

The Trust always welcomes new members who share our passion for the amazing Caldon and Uttoxeter waterways.

We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who can assist us in various projects. We have tasks to suit everyone from work parties along the line of the canal to research work, planning and other tasks. You can make a very useful contribution by giving as little as an hour or two each month from home. Please contact us if you are able to help in any way.