

PRESS RELEASE

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GREEN LIVING WALL INSTALLED ALONG MANCHESTER'S ROCHDALE CANAL

A green living wall along the Rochdale Canal towpath near Manchester city centre will bring a wellbeing boost for people and wildlife biodiversity, thanks to a partnership project between the Canal & River Trust charity and property investment and development company Town Centre Securities PLC (TCS).

The living wall has been installed by staff and volunteers from Canal & River Trust waterways and wellbeing charity, who look after the Rochdale Canal, with the help of funds raised by players of the People's Postcode Lottery,

Several new wall troughs, planted with native species like honeysuckle, snowdrops, crocuses, bittersweet, evergreen ferns and ivy, will improve the appearance of gabion stone wire baskets along the canal towpath in Ancoats, as well as providing extra pollinating plants for bees and insects.

The project builds on the knowledge gained on a small experimental project in the area which featured trials of plants and materials to find the best combination for the location.

Sara Ponting, community engagement coordinator at the Canal & River Trust, said: "The new living green wall is next to the wonderful mural created by Town Centre securities last year and both really improve the environment for towpath walkers and cyclists.

"This is a win-win project that makes the canal corridor greener, cleaner and more attractive. It will be fantastic for encouraging wildlife to a built-up urban area. The volunteers have done an amazing job and their hard work will pay dividends this spring and beyond as visitors appreciate all the flowers in bloom."

Rob Thompson, TCS Asset Manager, said: "We are always looking to explore opportunities to enhance visitors experience when navigating around our extensive Piccadilly Basin estate.

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“By working with stakeholders and partners, we continue to bring forward multiple initiatives to activate and enhance the water and Basin, and are happy to have been able to support the Canal & River Trust on this latest installation”.

Laura Chow, Head of Charities at People’s Postcode Lottery, added: “We thank our players for raising over £18 million to help with the conservation work on 2,000 miles of canals and rivers throughout England and Wales. This support is encouraging more people to get out and enjoy the waterways while fostering the rich biodiversity that thrives around them.”

For more information about how to volunteer or donate to the Canal & River Trust, please visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

The Canal & River Trust cares for and brings to life 2,000 miles of canals and rivers across England & Wales. We believe waterways have the power to make a difference to people’s lives and that spending time by water can make us all healthier and happier. By bringing communities together to make a difference to their local waterway, we are creating places and spaces that can be used and enjoyed by everyone, every day. www.canalrivertrust.org.uk @CanalRiverTrust

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