



The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators



THE WATER CONSERVATION TRUST CIO

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GRAND UNION CANAL – TRING SUMMIT SPONSORED WALK

Sunday 5th October 2025

Supporting our Schools Education Programme

To raise funds for our school's programme, the Water Conservation Trust CIO (the charity of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators) is organising a sponsored walk for Sunday 5th October 2025 starting at 12 noon, along the Tring Summit of the Grand Union Canal.



Waters Edge At Marsworth

If you would like to support the walk and help raise money for the Water Conservation Trust, please email rob.casey1@hotmail.com to register for the event. The walk will start at 12 noon outside Tring Railway Station then follow the route of the Grand Union Canal along the Tring Summit including the Marsworth flight of locks and finish at Cheddington Station. For those travelling by car there should be plenty of spaces at Tring railway station or nearby car parks on a Sunday. With beautiful countryside and with lots to see including many canal locks and several huge reservoirs, this part of the Grand Union Canal is particularly excellent to visit.

The walk is around 6 miles in length and will take around 2.5 hours to complete finishing at Cheddington station with trains back to Tring every 30 minutes on Sunday, cost £3. The route will follow the paths along the canal, hence normal footwear will suffice. Walkers are advised to look out for trip hazards such as tree roots. Walkers can either bring sandwiches or enjoy a late lunch (avoiding the Sunday lunch rush hour) at a lovely PH called the Old Swan along the route close to the finish at Cheddington.

The Water Conservation Trust's Schools Programme

Over the last 10 years the Trust has supported projects at many schools to enhance water related science and environmental learning including installing and renovating school ponds, equipping a STEM laboratory, installing weather stations, restoring school wildlife areas, supplying river education packs and supporting disabled children with craft and learning facilities (see collage below). We focus our funding on schools with a high percentage of disadvantaged children.

Our 2025/26 programme includes :-

- The funding of mayfly in the classroom sessions for River Holme Connections
- Funding educational visits and Steam Explorers at the Museum of Water and Steam.
- Funding educational visits to Spitalfields City Farm.
- Funding to develop the schools educational programme at the new Quentin Blake Centre
- Funding to renovate a pond at Cranbourne School
- Funding to renovate a horticultural area and pond at Northease Manor School
- Awarding pupil prizes to schools for projects associated with science and environmental learning.



To participate in the Sponsored Walk please email rob.casey1@hotmail.com no later than Monday 29th September 2025. Please include the names of any guests attending with you. Confirmation and further details will then be sent to you by email.

Whether you can join us on the walk or not please sponsor our Team on the walk. With current/ex employees of Thames Water taking part we will be applying for matched funding from Thames Water's Charity Committee so anything you donate could be doubled by Thames Water's matched contribution.

You can sponsor us using the following link to our Crowdfunder donation page

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/2025-wct-sponsored-walk>

Note on the donate page you can edit the tip to Crowdfunder (default set at 20%) by entering a custom amount under the Checkout Summary on the right hand side of the page.

Alternatively you can send a cheque made out to the Water Conservation Trust to our Treasurer Peter Hall at the following address: 6 Bluebell Drive, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3EF