

SHREWSBURY AND NEWPORT CANALS TRUST
WAPPENSHALL UPDATE NO.4



Plan B.

PHASE 1

SMALL WAREHOUSE

EAST BASIN

PHASE 2

LARGE WAREHOUSE

FUNDRAISING

FURTHER NEWS

SMALL WAREHOUSE

Great News:

Finally, after a few weeks of inactivity, we have Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent, so work recommenced on Friday 26th July and will continue on every Friday and Saturday from now on. One of the first jobs is to install the roof insulation. That will be followed by electrical and plumbing work and building the new toilet block. The installation of heating and, of course, the eagerly anticipated Coffee Shop. The Coffee Shop is planned to be open early in 2020 now.

The East Basin

More Great News;

We now also have Planning Permission and Listed building Consent required to remove the 'spoil' from the East Basin. A huge thank you goes to DENSO who have contributed financially with the necessary soil testing and analysis.

Work to remove the spoil will commence in August and the contractor estimates this will take approximately 2 weeks. Work to re-establish the basin walls and bed will commence early next year.

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TRANSHIPMENT WAREHOUSE:

Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent have also been obtained for the restoration of the Transhipment Warehouse. They include some pre-conditions, amongst which is further accommodation for the benefit of the local wildlife. A bat roost in the roof space, an additional Owl roost and nesting boxes for several other bird species. The Trust always has the wharf's ecology uppermost in its thoughts and is very happy to comply with these requirements.

Fundraising:

Phase 1 - £255,000

Phase 2 - £360,000

Phase 3 - £60,000

Total project cost - £685,000

Whilst a great deal of the funding for phase 1 has already been raised thanks to contributions from Wolfson Foundation, Aviva, DENSO and many others, we need help from everyone, members and non-members alike, to enable us to complete the project. **How can you help?**

- 1**, We already have a number of people who regularly write applications to many funding bodies. We could do with a few more to join the team to ensure we don't miss any opportunities.
- 2**, Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise money from all your internet purchases. With amounts ranging from 0.5% from the likes of Amazon and Ebay, to much larger amounts at approximately 3500 stores, the opportunities to raise money for no cost, are many. Currently we have raised over £2300 just by doing this.
- 3**, Sign up for the hottest charity lottery, TWINCL. Run by Telford and Wrekin Council, it gives a massive 60% to charity (not the feeble 28% of the national lottery) plus for every £1 stake you have a chance to win up to £25,000 each week. It's a win-win for the Trust and yourselves. Go to www.twincl.co.uk or phone 01952 327788, select the Canal Trust as your chosen charity and away you go. Currently we are raising over £3,172 per year.
- 4**, Ask your next door neighbour, friend, or workmate if they would like to join the Trust and help this great cause. At £8:50 per annum for a single or £10:00 per annum for a family membership, it is unlikely to break the bank. The increasing membership is vital to us when we are seeking grants. Our current membership is over 1300. With your help let's get to 2000 this year. If you're at work why not ask your company if they would like a corporate membership.

TIMETABLE

Small Warehouse

Internal Work: July 2019 – Nov 2019

External Work: May 2019 – Nov 2019

East Basin

Excavation: August and September 2019

Restoration and Lining: Feb 2020 – March 2020

Phase 2: All work to take place between November 2019 – Oct 2020

Phase 3: Jun 2020 – Dec 2020

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Further News

Our brand new Website is now available. All the Trust news and updates will appear there as and when they occur, as well as many pictures from long past and recent times. Check it out at www.sncanal.org.uk

We also have our own radio station, run from Wappenshall, '**Waterwaves Radio**' can be found on the internet. As well as Wappenshall updates, you'll hear some great music and chat from the world of the waterways.

As the most successful group on TWINCL we recently had a visit from Councillor Lee Carter to present us with a cheque for over £3000. As mentioned earlier, with your help we could greatly increase this amount. Buy your tickets at www.twincl.co.uk In the picture are some of our members and volunteers who work so hard to make the project at Wappenshall possible.

L to R: Maz, John, Councillor Lee Carter, Bernie, Marion, Alan, Jim and Kath from T&W.

