

# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT RE: CORONAVIRUS

The Canal & River Trust is following government advice on coronavirus, working with employees, volunteers and partners to keep our waterways open and available for use. Contingency plans will ensure we can continue to provide our day-do-day service for as long as possible.

Other than for planned maintenance works, or recent flood damage, our canals, river navigations, towpaths and museums remain open for use, providing important green-blue routes and spaces in many towns and cities across England and Wales, connecting urban areas to the countryside.

Indeed, whilst the advice from Government is for people to carry on their lives largely as normal, our waterways remain a great option for those looking for time in the fresh air, or a route to work that's away from the hustle and bustle of more crowded environments, or as places to visit whilst foreign holidays are restricted.

Latest government information on coronavirus can be found on the [Department for Health and Social Care's website](#).

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