



MILTON KEYNES CANALS RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT 2025

Objective 1: Legacy projects providing better access, facilities and information

Project 1: Landscaping a derelict area of canalside in Fenny Stratford, introducing greater biodiversity and a community herb bed.

Project 2: Erecting heritage signage canalside in Fenny Stratford and celebrating the changes.

Project Partners: Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council, Canal & River Trust, Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust

Project Pool: 500 hours by volunteers from MK Canals, Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Green Gym, MK Community Boat Electra, Inland Waterways Association (MK Branch and Waterway Recovery Group), Buckingham Canal Society, and local residents

Funding: Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council, Canal & River Trust



Project 3: Installing a canalside electric bollard at Wolverton Park in summer 2025, to support Electra cruises from that location in 2026

Project 4: Erecting heritage signage at Wolverton Park and celebrating the changes.

Project Partners: Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council, HC-GB property management, Buckingham Canal Society, Canal & River Trust

Project Pool: 300 hours by volunteers from MK Canals, MK Community Boat Electra, Inland Waterways Association (Waterway Recovery Group), Buckingham Canal Society, and local residents

Funding: Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council, HC-GB property management, Inland Waterways Association (MK Branch), Milton Keynes Community Foundation, Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust



Objective 2: Communications projects to increase local awareness and engagement

Project 5: Fourteen free Heritage Talk & Glide Cruises on MK Community Boat Electra, researched, developed and delivered in September 2025 as part of Heritage Open Days at Fenny Stratford, Campbell Wharf, New Bradwell, and Wolverton Park

Project Partners: MK Community Boat Electra, Bradwell Windmill Project

Project Pool: 250 hours by volunteers from MK Canals, MK Community Boat Electra, Bradwell Windmill Project

Project 6: Two 2-hour 'down memory lane' events held at Great Linford and Wolverton Park as part of Heritage Open Days events in September 2025, with display boards and a talk created to attract public interest, and volunteers holding short interviews to start the process of gathering oral history relating to MK canals

Project Partners: Living Archive, The Parks Trust

Project Pool: 150 hours by volunteers from MK Canals and MK Community Boat Electra



Objective 3: Establishing MK Canals as a recognised partner at local, regional and national levels

Foundation elements of governance put in place

Constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

4 Founding Trustees appointed

Public liability insurance arranged

Projects pipeline set up

Key policies created (Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, GDPR)

Logo and branding developed and website and LinkedIn presence created

First annual accounts filed for initial extended year May 2024-October 2025

Advocacy initiated at local, regional and national level in support of open water transfer schemes that will bring environmental benefits to Milton Keynes and beyond.

