

## Canal Trips

Our 12 seater 'Egremont' operates scheduled trips daily from the Canal Basin at: 10.30am, 12 noon, 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Call the Canal Shop : 01243 771363.

The 'Richmond' is a wide beam boat with comfortable seating for 28, up to a maximum of 42 passengers.

Both boats can be chartered for special occasions; lunch, tea, cream tea, dinner, birthdays or anniversaries. All cruises include use of crockery, cutlery and glasses with a buffet table if required. There is no charge for corkage should you decide to bring your own wine.

## Rowboating

Boats can be hired from March until October. Minimum age for hiring 16.

## Canoeing & Boating

Canoeing day tickets available at the Canal Basin Shop, or you can apply for an annual licence.

## Angling

The canal is well stocked with carp, roach, tench, bream, perch, rudd, gudgeon and pike. Great value. Tickets obtainable from the Water Bailiff.

## Towpath

The towpath is ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists, where a variety of wildlife can be seen all the way from the Basin to the harbour at Birdham.

## Wild flowers

As the Canal has not been used commercially for many years it has been colonised by a range of our more unusual wild flowers and plants. The following wild flowers may be found along the Canal banks: Willow Herb, Yellow Flag, Meadowsweet, Speedwell, Water Plantain, Dock, the Lesser Water Parsnip and the rare Lesser Reedmace.

## Painting

The towpath has been a popular spot for artists ever since Turner painted his famous picture of the Chichester Canal and Cathedral in 1829, whilst staying in Petworth House.

## Bird watching

The Canal is a natural habitat for a wide range of bird life, the more common waterfowl; moorhens, coots, mallards and swans as well as herons, kingfishers, whitethroats, common sandpipers and terns.

## Membership

If you have any spare time and wish to become a member to join our friendly group of volunteers who help with canal restoration, staffing the shop, crewing and maintaining the boats, find out more by dropping into the Canal Shop and chatting to some of our other volunteers. Alternatively visit our website:

**[www.chichestercanal.com](http://www.chichestercanal.com)**  
**[volunteer@chichestercanal.com](mailto:volunteer@chichestercanal.com)**

# Chichester Ship Canal



*"It was a beautiful outing, we all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the Volunteers were so helpful. We will certainly come again"*

E. Turner, Worthing



# A Brief History...

- 1819** Construction authorised by Parliament
- 1822** Canal opened. Total length from Chichester to the sea 4 miles and could take vessels up to 150 tons.
- 1892** Ownership transferred from the Portsmouth and Arundel Navigation Company to Chichester City Council.
- 1906** The last commercial cargo carried.
- 1928** Chichester City Council abandoned the Canal.
- 1957** WSCC purchased the Canal from Chichester City Council.
- 1972** The main part of the Canal let to the Chichester Canal Anglers Association for a term of 28 years.
- 1984** The Anglers relinquished their lease, which was taken over by the Chichester Ship Canal Trust

