



## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

The National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port has everything you need for an enjoyable day out.

It is well located near to major motorways and accessible by public transport. There is ample free parking, a waterside café and a museum shop.

The Waterways Archive is housed separately to the main museum and offers quiet, comfortable surroundings.

## VIRTUAL WATERWAYS ARCHIVES CATALOGUE

For a glimpse of some of the treasures to be found in the archive at Ellesmere Port visit [www.virtualwaterways.co.uk](http://www.virtualwaterways.co.uk) This online resource gives access to catalogue descriptions of over 40,000 documents including plans, drawings, surveys and diaries from Ellesmere Port and several other English and Scottish archives.

The Virtual Waterways Archives Catalogue also includes useful links and resources including activity sheets for teachers.

“The Waterways Archive is a wonderful treasure trove. It will be of real interest to boat and waterways enthusiasts, family and local historians, industrial archaeologists, history teachers and lecturers”.

**Stuart Gillis, Director**  
National Waterways Museum

Cover credits

1. Picnic on Grand Union Canal Company butty 'Balham' at Stoke Bruerne, 1950s
2. AA Wander butty 'Enid' at Sutton Stop, 1930s.
3. Kings Langley Lock from J Hassel, 1819.
4. Boatman and his family, c1900.
5. AA Wander butty 'Enid' at Sutton Stop, 1930s

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Ellesmere Port

# A window on 2000 miles of waterways heritage.



## NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM

The National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port houses designated collections relating to Britain's 2,000 miles of waterways.

It is based in a unique and attractive cluster of Victorian buildings on a seven acre docks beside the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey.

## THE WATERWAYS ARCHIVE ELLESMERE PORT

This important national collection is a treasure trove of photos, documents, books and plans.

In addition to a wide range of primary material relating to Britain's inland waterways there is also a smaller amount of secondary material from waterways throughout the world.



1. Narrow boats 'Alder' and 'Hereford' at Anderton lift, 1956. 2. Granny Humphries and daughter Thirza with FMC motor 'Lion' and butty 'Middlesex' south of Birmingham, 1913. 3. Survey of lands belonging to the Trent and Mersey canal company, 1816. 4. Wyrley and Essington Canal committee book, 1792-1803. 5. River Lee barges and tug 'Jaymar' near French's Flour Mill, 1950s. 6. British Transport Waterways poster, 1954. 7. Hettie Jackson, boatwoman studio portrait, 1905

Documents include boat building plans, working records and accounts and there are extensive collections relating to, amongst others, the Weaver Navigation trustees, Middlewich Wharf and the Manchester Ship Canal.

Photographic collections include work by Robert Aickman, Michael Ware and Eric de Mare. There is also a wide range of books and periodicals and a changing programme of temporary exhibitions.

## ACCESSING THE ARCHIVE

Our trained team of staff and volunteers can provide expert advice and support. We offer a number of ways to access the archive.

- **Make a visit in person.** To book a visit call 0151 373 4378 giving at least 24 hours notice.
- **Research service.** For a prices and research request form call 0151 373 4378 or visit [www.nwm.org.uk](http://www.nwm.org.uk)
- **Open days, courses and specialist activities.** To go on our mailing list call 0151 373 4378.

**Access to the National Waterways Archive is FREE** as is entry to the museum café and shop.

Entry to the museum is charged separately.

## REPRODUCTION SERVICES

We can copy photographs, scan images and documents and we can arrange for large-format scanning and map-copying.

