

Along the Cotswold Canal Audio Trail Script

Location:	Ebley Wharf
Music	Fade In
Introduction	Along the Cotswold Canals. Welcome to Ebley Wharf, one of the places on the Canals Trail. This is one of a series of recordings made by local people you can listen to at different places along the Cotswold canals.
Music	Fade Out
Narrator	When the canal was operational, this wharf would have been used as a mooring for loading and unloading of cargo. It would have served Oil Mills via a short tram-road. A link to the Stonehouse and Nailsworth railway went to the mill. After decades of decay this area is now a sought after location next to a section of restored canal as Nick Darrion-Jones describes.
Nick Darrion-Jones	Its actually beautiful, its actually water in the middle of ones living environment so the whole emphasis will change and you can see that at the developments around Ebley where the new housing developments there, the canal has been restored in that area and its now, the price of property has increased because of it in an area that where it was the untidy end, you know.
Narrator	Ebley is a very significant in the history of the restoration project as Mike Ayland, one of the leaders of the initial restoration movement explains .
Mike Ayland	The more I found everywhere throughout the country people were restoring derelict canals. Why not this one? This is the best of all of them! And yet nobody is looking at it. And this grew day by day and in fact I went to Ebley and they were actually filling it in. XXXX lorries were backing in with rubble and spoil filling in the canal while I watched. You know, you can't let this happen!
Narrator	On the other side of the canal from where you are standing, you will see Ebley House. This house was built in the 18 th Century. In 1923 it became a National Children's Home but is now the headquarters of a charitable trust providing care to young people and adults with learning disabilities, based on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. If you look behind you, facing the canal, you can just make out Selsley Common and the distinctive saddleback tower of All Saints Church behind the houses. This church is home to William Morris' famous rose window.
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Close	Thank you for listening, other recordings are available along the towpath or can be downloaded on our web site www.alongthecotswoldcanal.co.uk
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