

Along the Cotswold Canals Audio Trail Script

Location:	Ship Inn
Music	Fade In
Introduction	Along the Cotswold Canals. Welcome to The Ship Inn, 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	You are now standing in front of The Ship Inn, the only remaining pub in Brimscombe. This Inn was built in 1750 and photographs show that it's changed very little over the years. Before Brimscombe Port was filled in, the canal would have come under the bridge and within yards of the pub's front door as David Collins, the current landlord of the busy Inn explains.
David Collins	We had an extension put on the back of the pub, back about seven years now. When we dug the foundations out it came to a concrete base and there were steps going down from the concrete base up to what would be the canal side. You can still see the canal wall out the back and I do believe there was a turning area where the car park is.
Narrator	When the port was filled in, changes were also made to the main road as Bill Evill explains.
Bill Evill	When we were little, before the road was realigned, all the shops were on the other side of the road before the road, buildings were knocked down and the road was widened and then the bottom of Brimscombe mill got altered, umm and again that particular area again will get altered again by the ship inn as part of the canal restoration because they will need to put a new canal bridge at the bottom of Brimscombe mill for the boat traffic to come up from Gough lock...from Goughs lock sorry, through and into the port area which will be part of the restoration.
Narrator	Brimscombe is preparing itself for the future and the redevelopment of the port. Lets finish with David Collins again setting out his hopes for the future of the area.
Narrator	I hope that what ever happens in the port or on the canal is going to enhance what happens in the village area and hopefully we will benefit from it as well.
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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.alongthecotswoldcanals.co.uk
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