

# Along the Cotswold Canal

## Audio Trail Script

<b>Location:</b>	Stonehouse Wharf
<b>Music</b>	Fade In
<b>Introduction</b>	Along the Cotswold Canals. Welcome to Stonehouse Wharf, one of the places on the Canals Trail. This is one of a series of recordings made up of local people's experience that you can listen to at different places along the Cotswolds canals.
<b>Music</b>	Fade Out
<b>Narrator</b>	<p>You are now standing at Stonehouse Bridge next to Stonehouse Wharf. This bridge was built in 1999 and officially opened in early 2000.</p> <p>The wharf here at Stonehouse can be found just up from the bridge along the towpath towards The Ocean. Here the canal widens slightly to allowed boats to pass each other.</p> <p>In the 1950s, Hobbs Brothers, a family run business, had a depot at the wharf supplying oil. This oil was brought into the area via rail and off loaded at the Stonehouse Railway station.</p>
<b>Narrator</b>	This area was one of the first to feel the benefits of improvements to the canal path and restoration of the canal. Ken Burgin explains why this is so important
<b>Chris Balodis</b>	Very good bunch, you know walkers, school kids whatever, runners you know we all pretty much intermingle and its kind of good because everyone would you know walk budge outside of each other way there was no trying to push each other into the canal.
<b>Narrator</b>	Local people now use the path regularly as Chris Balodis a keen runner suggests here....
<b>Ken Burges</b>	Boaters are only a minority user of the canal, most of the users are on the towpath in one form or another, either walking it, fishing from it or cycling on it. Part of the restoration is to improve the towpath to make it easier for multiple different sorts of activities to take place at the same time. If you try to mix anglers with pedestrians pushing push chairs and then a few cycles as you can end up with some difficulties so you need a well surface wide towpath and that's going in as part of the work.
<b>Music</b>	Fade In
<b>Close</b>	Thank you for listening, other recordings are available along the towpath or can be downloaded on our web site <a href="http://www.alongthecotswoldcanal.co.uk">www.alongthecotswoldcanal.co.uk</a>
<b>Music</b>	Fade Out