

Along the Cotswold Canal Audio Trail Script

Location:	Wallbridge Upper Lock
Music	Fade In
Introduction	Along the Cotswold Canals. Welcome to Wallbridge Upper Lock, 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.
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Narrator	Just by the Wallbridge lock you can see the Cotswold Canals Visitors Centre. If its open, come in and have a look around. You can also ask the centre staff to show you how the lock works. Jill Field says they're delighted to share their knowledge...
Jill Field	We keep a pair of windlasses hanging on the wall in the visitor centre. Windlasses are the handles you have to use to actually wind the paddle gear up and down. Paddle gear meaning like you are lifting like little doors within the large gates through which these little...it's a bit like a portcullis on a castle, your lifting up a portcullis, so its little trap doors if you like. But we've got the windlasses in the visitor centre and we can take people outside and say look this is how the windless, the handle attaches to the paddle gear, this is how you turn it with your hand and that raises a little gate to allow the water to come through
Narrator	In early 2012 on a very cold and wintery day Her Royal Highness The Princes Royal visited Stroud to officially open Wallbridge Upper Lock and the new Stroud Brewery Bridge. It was a proud moment for some of the volunteers including Jon Pontefract...
Jon Pontefract	she was quite interested and asked lots of questions about how long we had been doing volunteering on the canal and what we had been doing on the day. We were the last group she actually meet and she spent as much time with us as any group so nice to know she wasn't just being whisked away at the end of the visit and had a genuine interest in what we were doing.
Narrator	Our last word at this location goes to Wendy Townsend who after being made redundant started volunteering along the canal. This experience changed her life and resulted in her opening the café just here next to the lock. She says she couldn't have done it without the help of the other volunteers
Wendy Townsend	There was no way that I would have been able to do this without the help and the backing of those people. Not only in terms of giving me the confidence to do it, but also financial help. just incredible, they're such lovely people, and such giving people and so supportive.
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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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