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The Canal & River Trust in Wales

ERIH-UK Winter Meeting

Canals – a public benefit

Dyfrffyrdd bywiol i harddu ein byd ac i lonni'r enaid

Living waterways transform places and enrich lives



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- The CRT model

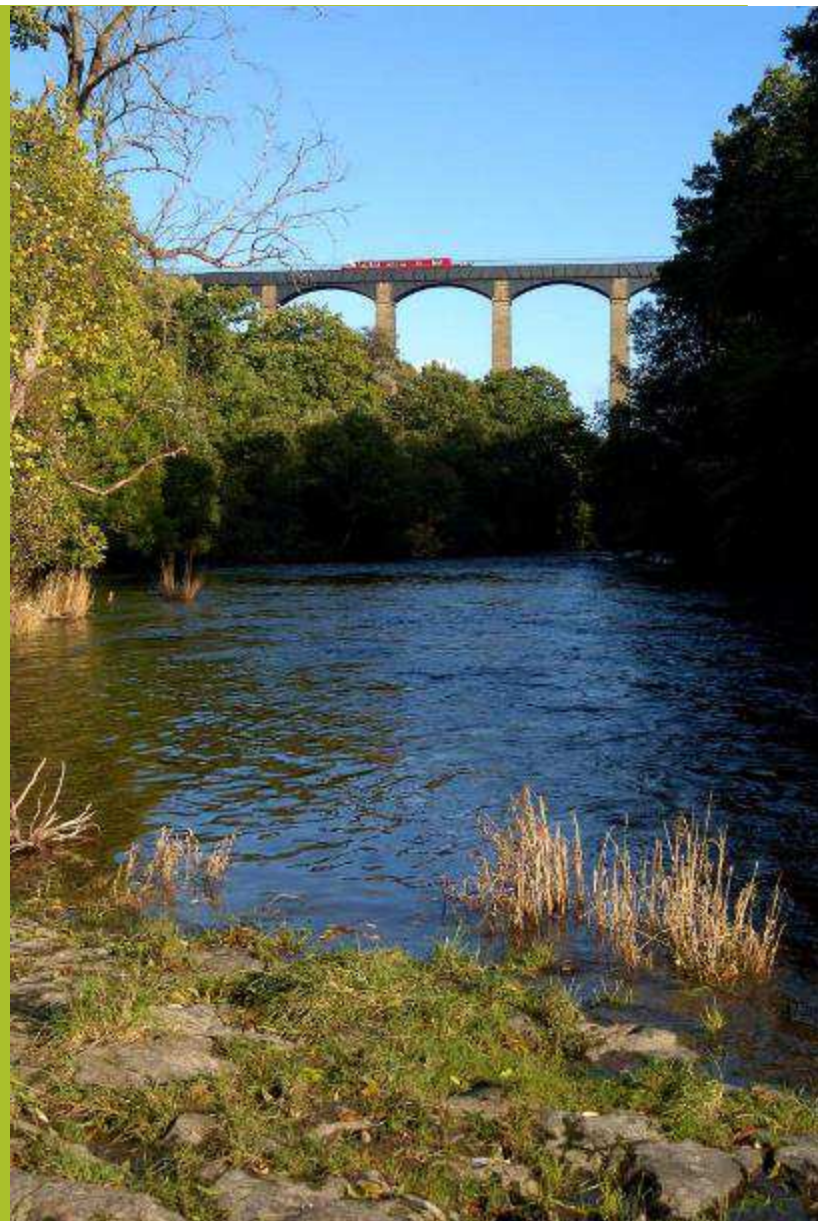
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- And Potential



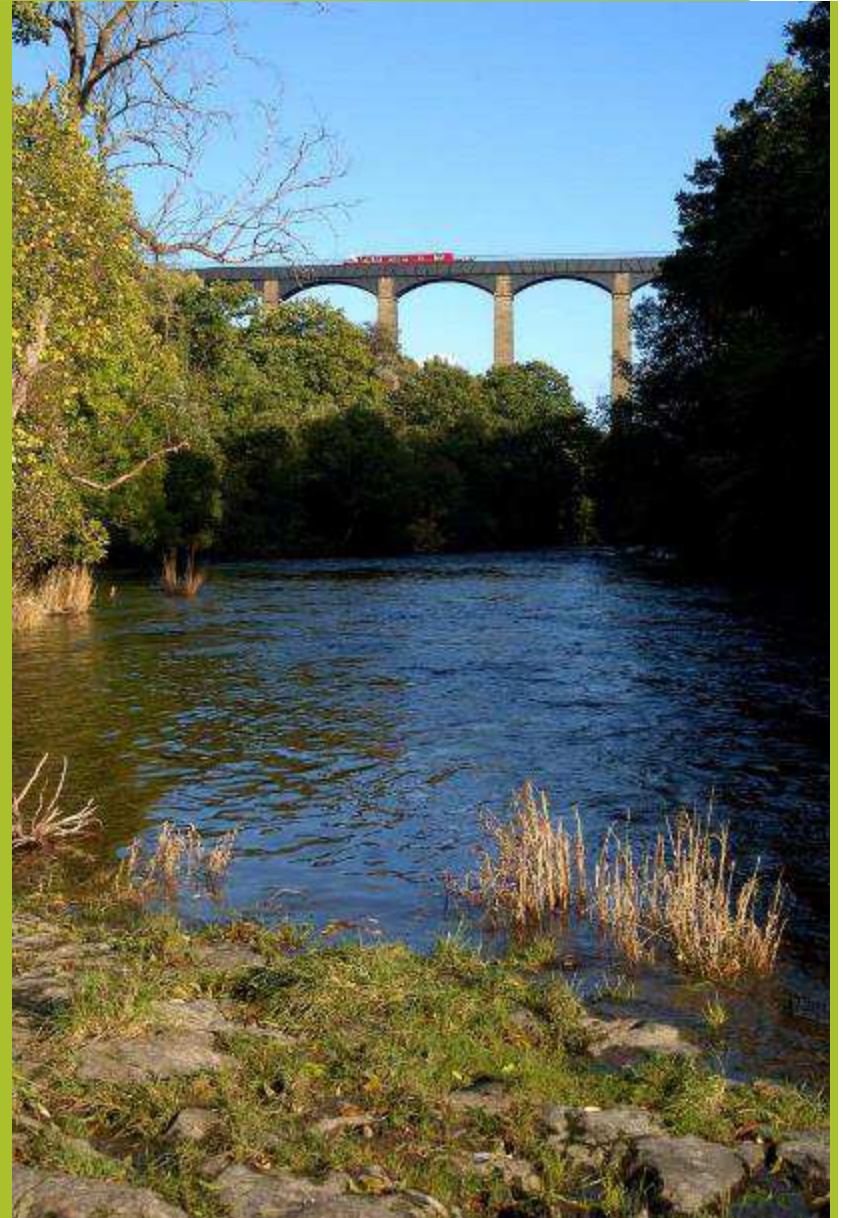
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What makes us sustainable?

Strengthen local understanding and appreciation


Engage people in caring for their natural and cultural heritage

Build awareness of what CRT does

Improve the visitor experience



Volunteering 480,000 hours
169 community 'adoptions'
64,000 children engaged by 130
Explorer volunteers



£2.5m raised
c.15,800 active Friends
Success with major donors, Trusts &
companies, 1st legacies



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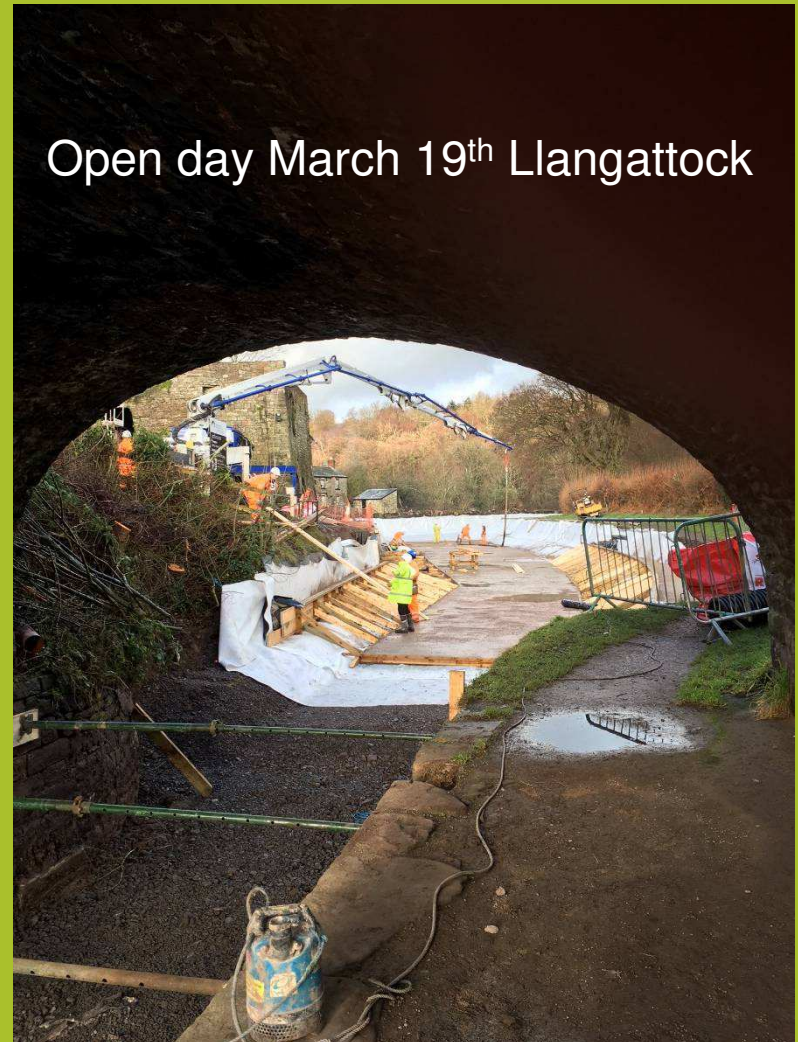
Keeping people, nature & history connected

The Challenges

Old age



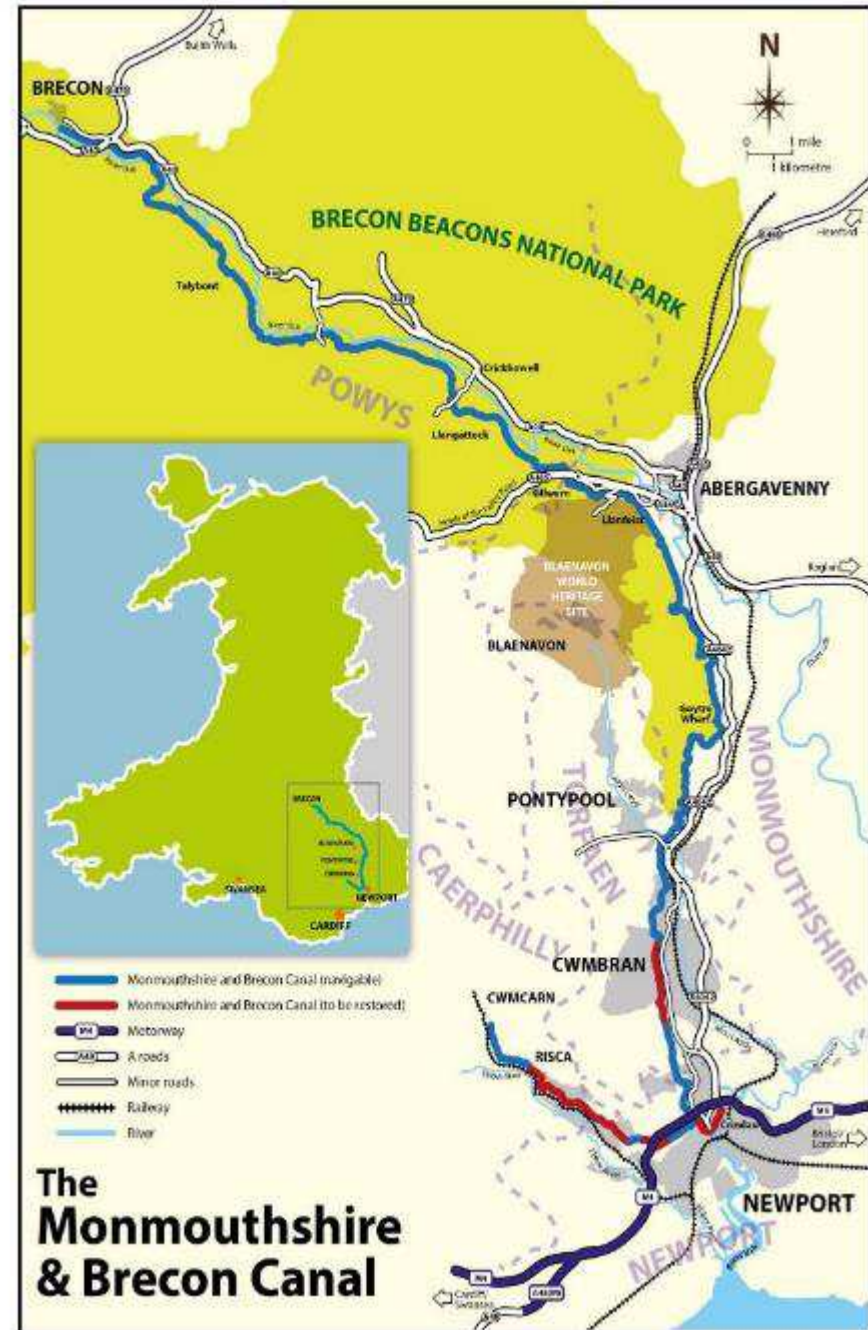
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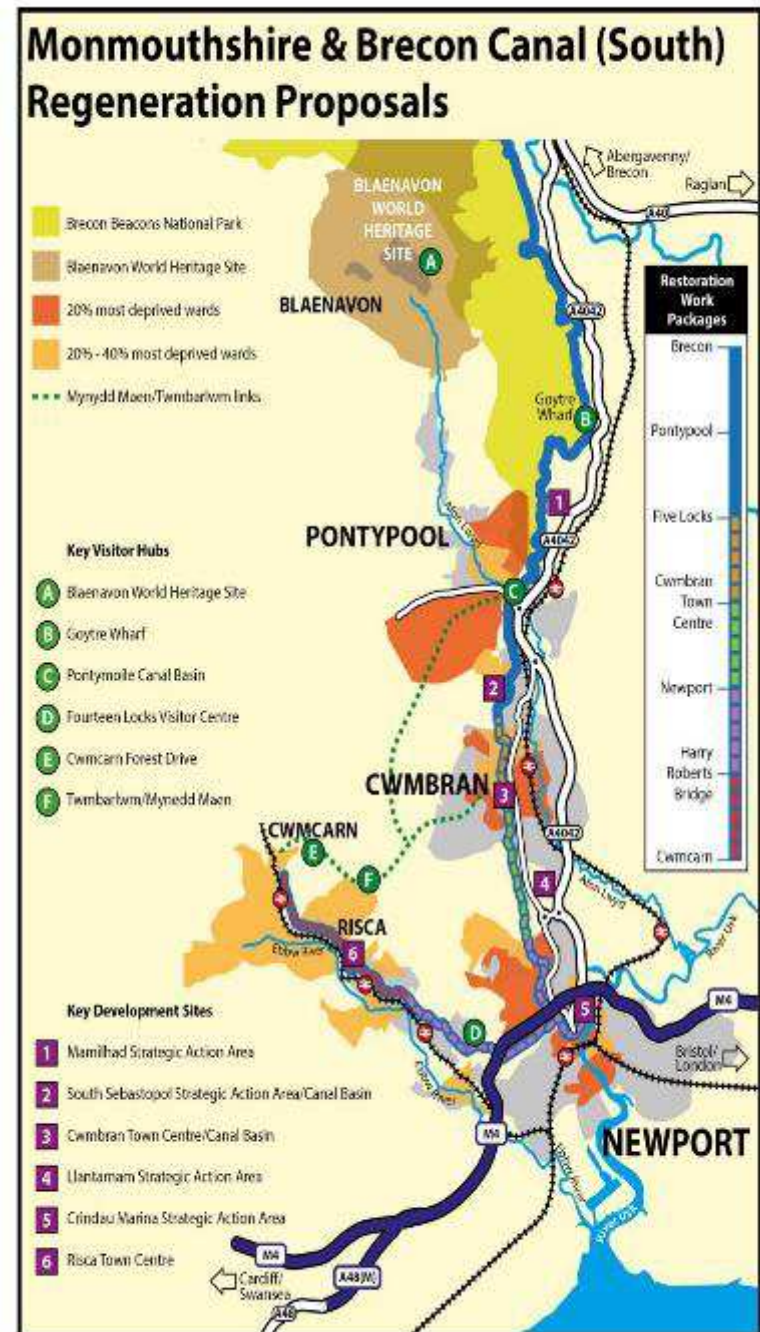


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The opportunity

- Legislative context – new ways of working
 - Well-being of Future Generations Act
 - Environment Act
- Within Capital City Region
- In an area of need
- Connects people
- Connects home to schools, employment, recreation
- Connects habitats



Health benefits



Figure 9.3: Determinants of Health (Dahlgren & Whitehead, 1991).

Environment



Forecast economic outputs

Whole canal

- 1.5 million additional visits
- 258 net additional tourism jobs
- £5m net additional GVA from tourism
- 842 construction jobs (84 FTE assuming 10 year duration)

Across Caerphilly and Torfaen (other authorities not calculated)

- 2,129 net additional jobs from canalside development
- £93 m net additional GVA
- 3,590 new houses (gross)
- 213,000 sq m of non residential development (gross)
- 227 hotel beds (gross)

Why do we know it works?





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- Creation of Canal & River Trust has engaged the public in a way British Waterways never could
- Waterways deliver multiple environmental and social as well as economic benefits
- We know it can be done because we've already done it

