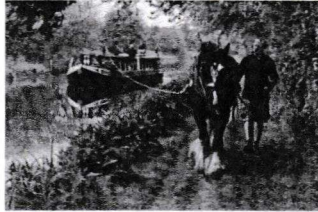


Kennet and Avon Canal and Hungerford

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Escape the madness of modern life and experience the slower pace of yesteryear while you soak up the beauty of the Kennet and Avon Canal. The family owned barge, 'Kennet Valley' was purpose built in 1976 and is painted in the traditional 'roses and castles' style. It is 67 feet long and 10 feet wide and is solely powered by the 1hp towing action of Freddy the Shire horse who ambles along some rope-lengths ahead while the scenery slides smoothly by.

The canal was fully reopened in 1990 after being restored, in stages, mainly by volunteers. It runs through several Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which exhibit great biodiversity and are important for wildlife conservation, being home to several rare species. More than 100 different species of bird have been recorded in surveys over the length of the canal.



www.kennet-horse-boat.co.uk



Hungerford, an historic market town within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Berkshire, is the place to go if you enjoy antiques. Hungerford Arcade Antiques and Collectables is an award-winning Antiques Centre, housing over 100 antique dealers. The high street offers a wide selection of shops, including a choice of great bakers, a fine butcher and an excellent variety of places to eat.

Alternatively, five minutes' walk from the centre you can enjoy a relaxed walk around the town's open common land, where there is an abundance of flora and fauna. www.hungerford.co.uk