

EMCBP

East Manchester Community Boat Project, founded in 1994 and holders of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, provides days out on the canal network for people who may be disabled or disadvantaged. Trips are free of charge for our priority users. Other passengers may make donations if they wish; they are a vital source of funding. All donations are acknowledged in writing.

"COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2" has:

- . large ramps for smooth wheelchair and passenger boarding
- . open-plan flexible seating
- . lower and larger windows
- . central heating
- . a small galley
- . a toilet/washroom with wheelchair access
- . an intruder alarm.

The diesel engine on "Community Spirit 2" was recently replaced with an electric motor powered by batteries. The smooth and silent running is very calming and our passenger groups have unanimously endorsed the changes.



Large folding ramps for safe boarding



Open-plan cabin above toilet/wash room facilities below



SAFETY PROVISIONS

- . the boat carries a defibrillator and crew are trained in its use
- . it also carries four fire extinguishers and a fire blanket
- . all skippers hold First Aid Certificates and we have a First Aid box on board
- . life jackets are available for all passengers and specifically for non swimmers and children under 11 years of age.
- . smoking and vaping are not permitted inside the cabin

BENEFACTORS and SPONSORS

Without the support and generosity of our:

☺ **benefactors:**

Elcometer Limited and Topping Partnership

☺ **sponsors:**

**East Lancashire Mark Benevolent Fund,
Louvolite Hyde, Mr.Gavin E. Pike, Robert
Burns Lodge - 999**

☺ **and those passengers and members of the public who kindly donate to the project**

it would be impossible for us to maintain our free service.

DAY TRIPS

Depending on the length of trip, passengers can travel from Portland Basin to Droylsden, Hyde, Marple or Stalybridge. We operate all year round - providing the canal is not frozen over!

The boat can accommodate up to two electric or four standard wheelchair users and has a wider entrance door and lift that ensures wheelchair users can board safely and easily.

WHAT WE OFFER

EMCBP is committed to providing an enjoyable learning experience. For groups wishing to access modern technology, we can bring on board tablets containing information on local history, wildlife, the canal network, local flora and fauna. There is also a comprehensive sound and wi-fi system on board. Please ask if you would like to know more about these facilities when you book.

No items of value are left on board overnight.

BOOKINGS

Bookings should be made via our website, however, they must be made a minimum of four weeks prior to the booking date.

HOW TO FIND US

“Community Spirit 2” is moored at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA. Access to the mooring is via Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place.

Signs to Portland Basin are displayed on all roads into Ashton-under-Lyne; it is 15 minutes’ walk from the town centre where there are bus, rail and metro link connections.

PORTLAND BASIN

Portland Basin is at the junction of the Ashton, Huddersfield and Peak Forest Canals. Portland Basin Museum and Bridge View Cafe are well worth a visit.



“Community Spirit 2” at Portland Basin

VOLUNTEERS

EMCBP is run entirely by volunteers and is a member of the National Community Boats Association (NCBA). EMCBP is an NCBA Accredited Training Centre (ATC) and offers training to others. Volunteers are trained to nationally recognised standards.



Volunteers learn how to operate a lock

If you would like more information on the volunteering opportunities that are available, please telephone the number shown below or visit our website.

GETTING IN TOUCH

For bookings, general enquiries or for more details about the project please contact us on:

07503 145146 or booking@emcbp.org.uk

Website www.emcbp.org.uk



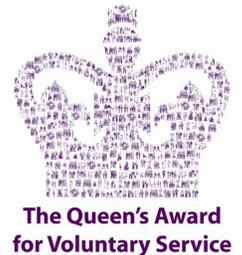
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“Your Community in Action”

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