

Special Events

Occasionally we organise special events.

The 'Scary Shuttle' (Halloween) is now an established end of season bit of fun for both passengers and crew. We also aim to take the boat through Standedge Tunnel and on to Stalybridge each year at the end of June to take part in the Carnival.

We have plans to arrange other on-board events in future. Watch the HCS Facebook page for news about what's coming up!



Fancy joining the crew...?

We always welcome willing and able volunteers to help crew the boat.

Full training is given, and time commitment is up to you. You also have the opportunity to train for the Certificate in Community Boat Management, which enables you to be in charge of the boat as a Skipper.

Every day that we have a full crew, is another day the Shuttle can go out. All this comes with a warning though:

'Contains fun which can become addictive!'



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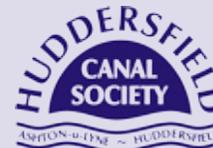
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MARSDEN SHUTTLE



The boat 'Marsden Shuttle' is owned and operated by the Huddersfield Canal Society, a Registered Charity.

The Society (HCS) successfully instigated the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from its previously derelict state, often playing an active part through various direct initiatives funded by the Government and Local Authorities.

The boat is operated by our dedicated team of fully trained volunteers, and divides its time between running free trips for the general public from Marsden Station to the Standedge Visitor Centre and transforming itself into a Bridal Boat for weddings & receptions at the Canal & River Trust's (CRT) splendid venue in the former Canal Warehouse.

Bridal Boat

Whether it's a wedding or a reception at Standedge, the best way to arrive is on board our boat. It takes around 15 minutes to make the trip from Marsden to Standedge via the canal.

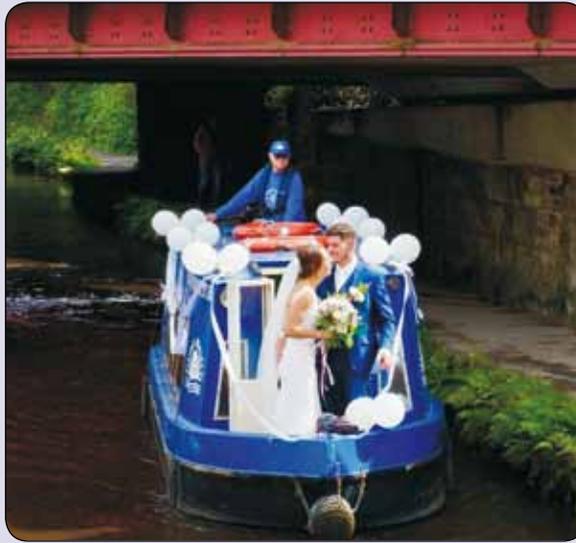
For a wedding, we take the bride and party from the Lock by Marsden Station to the landing stage by the venue. We can run earlier trips for the Groom & Ushers and also take guests to the venue; the only constraint is that we are licensed to carry just 12 people at a time.

If you're having the ceremony somewhere else, we can take the Bride & Groom to the reception at Standedge. Standing on the front of our boat as it emerges from under the railway bridge and then turning around in the basin by the venue makes for a splendid photo opportunity!

We offer a flexible service and if you'd like us to stay for more photos after the ceremony or to provide trips for guests we're happy to do that too - children love a boat ride! We can decorate the boat for you as shown in the photos, or you can decorate it as you please.

CRT arrange the charter. All fees go directly to us without deduction to support our Society and to help us continue offering free trips to the general public.

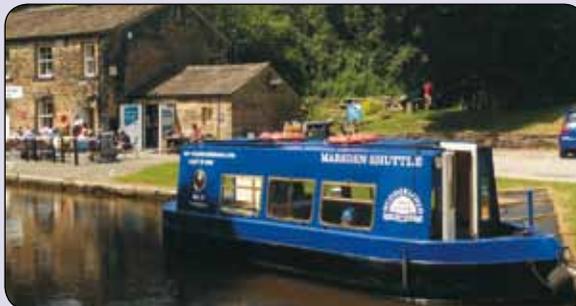
Please contact CRT on 01484 844298 or email: weddings@canalrivertrust.org.uk



Public Service

Saturdays and Sundays, Easter to October, we run a 'hop on' public service between the landing near Watersedge Café at Tunnel End and Lock 42 (Marsden Station).

It's about 15 minutes each way. You can either have a one way trip to or from the Visitor Centre to save your legs, or just stay on board for a round trip so you can enjoy the ride. Our friendly crews know lots about the canal too so if you have any questions, just ask. It's free, but of course we do welcome donations!



School Parties

In collaboration with CRT, we can transport school parties to and from the Visitor Centre from Marsden.

The Shuttle is licensed for parties of up to 12 passengers, so multiple trips are made if numbers exceed this. We need a responsible adult on board (included in the 12) at all times. School parties will normally be arranged Monday to Friday. Contact the HCS office to discuss this.



Private Charters

Having a special day out? Bring your party to the Huddersfield Narrow Canal!

We can negotiate a trip east from Tunnel End down to Warehouse Hill and back, passing through 3 Locks. Views from the canal on this section are some of the best on the UK canal network, and there are some great photo opportunities.

The round trip takes around 2 hours and is subject to CRT agreement, due to water supply issues. Contact the HCS office to chat about your ideas.