



## Canal Boats for Disabled People - Health & Safety Policy

(Adapted from information in the Health and Safety Law leaflet produced by the Health and Safety Executive, Information Centre, Broad Lane, Sheffield S3 7HQ)

The Vale of Llangollen Canal Boat Trust recognises its responsibilities as an 'employer' and as an organisation offering itself for use by disabled and able-bodied members of the public.

The Trust will take every step in its power to meet all its responsibilities, paying particular attention to the provision and maintenance of the following:-

### For employees/volunteers:

1. Equipment and systems of work are safe.
2. Sufficient information, instruction and training to enable all volunteers to avoid hazards and to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work.
3. Healthy working environment
  - a. Make adequate provision for firefighting.
  - b. Provide toilet facilities and drinking water.
  - c. Ensure that floors, steps, doors, passages and gangways/ramps are maintained and not obstructed.
  - d. Ensure that volunteers do not have to lift, carry or move a load so heavy that it is likely to injure them.
  - e. To guard dangerous parts of machines and engines.

### For service users:

1. Equipment and facilities are safe and maintained to a high standard.
2. Sufficient information and instruction, at the beginning of their trip, to enable individuals to avoid hazards and to contribute positively to their own safety.
3. To provide trained volunteers on the boat to ensure safe handling of the boat and all its systems.
4. Ensure that floors, steps, doors, passages and gangways/ramps are maintained and not obstructed.
5. Make adequate provision for firefighting and other emergencies.

### All volunteers and service users have a responsibility to:-

1. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and that of others, who may be affected by what they do or do not do.
2. Co-operate with the Trust on matters of health and safety.
3. Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for the purposes of safety.
4. Service users must abide by instructions for safety as given by the Trust volunteers.

If a staff member/volunteer or service user experiences problems with the standard of health and safety provisions, provided by the Trust, they have the right to contact the Chair of the Trust to resolve the matter. If the matter is unresolved the individual may contact the Health and Safety Executive.

Originally accepted at the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> June 1999 by the then Chairman.

Re-approved/accepted at Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2024

Signed .....Chair/President