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Boats in Harborne Wharf Selly Oak.

Following the removal of 2000 cubic meter of soil (equivalent of 100 lorry loads) from Harborne Wharf by Careys the Lapal Trust was delighted to see the winter rain filling up the basin with water. Attracting geese, ducks and canoeists.

The soil was removed as Careys' generous contribution to helping the community, it was removed through the Harborne Lane tunnel to the Battery Park site where Sainsbury's are building their new supermarket.



So at last after 60 years, we have a boat in Harborne Wharf, plenty of room for canal boats when the planned link to the Worcester & Birmingham canal is completed in the next 2 years. Thanks to our first canoeist, Lapal Canal Trust member Steve Bond.





The Trust would also like to acknowledge the help received from Birmingham City Council Planning Department, including Ecology and Conservation Officers; the local Councillors and the very supportive planning committee members; the Parks Department for agreement to do work in the park and the Highways Department for permission to use the tunnel and District Engineer for temporary path closure. In addition, the Trust received help from the Canal and River Trust, Inland Waterways Association, and local canal societies

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