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Press Release

Lapal Canal Trust

We are very pleased to confirm the award of a grant of £5,000 from the Headley Trust. This will be used to fund the cost of Planning Permission for the next stage of restoration of the Lapal Canal in Selly Oak Park. Work has finally started on the 1st stage of the Canal Restoration in Battery Park as part of the Land Securities/Sainsbury's development. The Lapal Trust is now busy with the 2nd stage in Selly Oak Park and expects to have the Inland Waterways Association's Waterways Recovery Group working on site next summer once planning permission is in place.

Dr Peter Best Chairman of the Lapal Canal Trust commented " We are delighted that the work of the Trust has been recognised by the Headley Trust and the grant will help to fund the next stage, we should also thank the excellent support we have received from the Canal and River Trust, Birmingham City Council and the three local canal societies, Birmingham Canal Navigations Society, the Worcester Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society and the Coombeswood Canal Trust who are also active in developing the western end of the Canal in Halesowen"

The Lapal Canal forms part of the Dudley No 2 Canal opened in 1798, this was mainly to carry coal from Dudley to London. The link was closed in 1917 following the collapse of the Lapal Tunnel and competition from the railways. The Lapal Canal when reopened will be a significant tourist attraction and complete what will be a popular circular route around Birmingham, restoration will create many jobs and will be an important amenity for walkers, cyclists, fishermen and boaters.



View from Harborne Lane of one of the oldest Canal Bridges in Birmingham



Beautiful Tow Path along Selly Oak Park

Lapal Canal Trust was established in 1990 to promote and actively work towards the restoration of the Lapal Canal from Selly Oak (Nr Sainsbury) to Halesowen (Nr B and Q) www.lapal.org

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