



Case Study

OnSite restores slipway at community space Ruby's Yard

Ruby's Yard is a not for profit community interest company. The converted boatyard on the scenic Coventry Canal is a green and peaceful community space for voluntary organisations, youth clubs, schools, businesses, and family groups. Their ethos is that everyone's health and wellbeing is important and this site provides a base where people can enjoy outdoor recreation and experience the natural world.

When they needed help with the restoration of their slipway, we knew we had to assist! Over 4 days we put in a temporary dam, pumped the water out and meticulously cleared the slipway so that a new concrete floor could be laid.



Before



After

Jacky Gordon, Ruby's Yard Director said: *"I hope the Canoe Foundation who gave us a grant will feel as pleased with the result as we do! Without the generosity, expert advice, help and support of OnSite, the Canal and River Trust and many others, this slipway would have remained unusable for many more years - possibly forever. You can see from the photos how much broken material was obstructing the slipway."*

Tom Rochford, OnSite National Operations Manager (Drainage Services) added: *"OnSite is fortunate to be able to support community courses such as Ruby's Yard cost effectively. We are very much a waterways business and as such fully embrace the positive impact the canal and river network can have on those who interact with it."*



This lovely lock free 32 mile stretch of the Coventry canal is excellent for paddling but has very few slipways on it. We are pleased to hear that Ruby's Yard already has some bookings for 'camping and canoeing' weekends in 2022, so many more people can now enjoy the waterways. We wish you all the best with your first year utilising a now fully operational slipway!

If you would like to know more about Ruby's Yard, click here: www.rubysyard.org

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