

Enjoy being outdoors
and active? Like working
with people?

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER CREW ON the SWINGBRIDGE COMMUNITY BOATS

**Surrey
Care Trust**
*our
Swingbridge
Community Boats
benefit people and
the environment*



The Surrey Care Trust runs two **SWINGBRIDGE** community boats which work on the Basingstoke Canal, the River Wey and the Thames.

Our Swingbridge2 work and training boat is a base for bank clearance and environmental work. People who work regularly with Swingbridge include offenders sentenced to do unpaid work for the community. They are supported by some of our experienced **volunteers** who take the lead and encourage and motivate the rest of the team.



In summer, our original Swingbridge boat provides a tranquil few hours on Surrey's beautiful waterways for people from local community groups. Swingbridge is equipped with a wheelchair lift for people who have limited mobility. **Volunteers** crew the day trips for up to nine passengers.

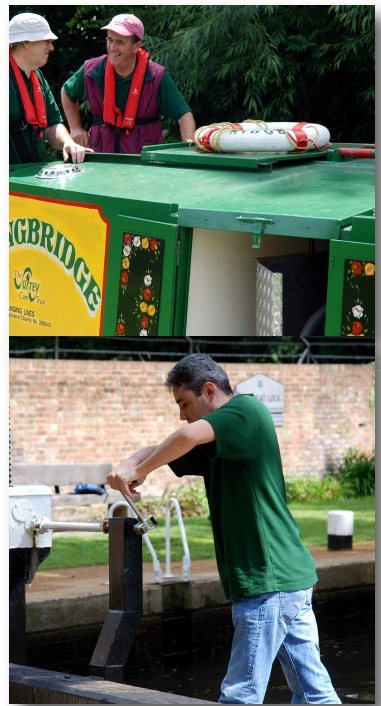
Many of our **volunteers** are active with Swingbridge all year round. Others join for the summer or winter season.

We particularly need more volunteers who would be interested in training to skipper the boat. Many of our volunteers are retired professionals. Others come to Swingbridge because they have been through difficult times and volunteering is a way to rebuild their confidence and gain new skills.

Training is provided and volunteering with Swingbridge can lead to qualifications through the Open College Network:

[Complete Crew Course - Level 1](#)

[Certificate in Community Boat Management - Level 2](#)



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The picture shows Swingbridge volunteers using the traditional craft of spiling, weaving willow strips through stakes to repair riverbanks.

The SURREY CARE TRUST is passionate about helping people overcome disadvantage through training and education. The Trust's Swingbridge Community Boats gives people the opportunity to develop new practical and social skills, while also benefiting Surrey's environment and hundreds of local vulnerable people.

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