

## EMCBP

East Manchester Community Boat Project, founded in 1994 and holders of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, provides days out on the canal network for people who may be disabled or disadvantaged. Trips are free of charge, however, donations are welcomed and will be acknowledged in writing.

## "COMMUNITY SPIRIT 2"

- has large folding ramps to allow easy and comfortable wheelchair and passenger boarding
- can accommodate up to two electric and four standard wheelchairs
- a wider entrance door and lift ensures all wheelchairs can safely board with ease
- open-plan flexible seating
- lower and larger viewing windows
- central heating
- a small galley
- a toilet/wash room with wheelchair access
- a defibrillator
- an intruder alarm
- a wheelchair position on the foredeck from which wheelchair users can steer the boat using a unique remote steering facility.



Large folding ramps for boarding



Above - the open-plan cabin

Below - the toilet/washroom facilities



## DAY TRIPS

Depending on the length of trip, passengers can travel from Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, to Droylsden, Hyde, Marple or Stalybridge. We operate all year round - providing the canal has not frozen over!

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The boat has been fitted with a defibrillator and crew members are trained in its use. Life jackets are available for all passengers and specifically for non swimmers and children under 11 years of age.

## BENEFACTORS and SPONSORS

*Without the support and generosity of:*

- ☺ our benefactors - Elcometer Limited and Topping Partnership
- ☺ our seat sponsors - Robert Burns Lodge-999, Robert Gregory Lodge RAOB and Louvolite Hyde
- and
- ☺ passenger groups and members of the public who donate to the project

*it would be impossible for us to maintain our free service.*

## WHAT WE OFFER

EMCBP is committed to providing an enjoyable learning experience. Information packs and resources on board have details of local history, the canal network, local wildlife, flora and fauna. Please ask if you would like to know more.

For groups wishing to access modern technology, tablets and a comprehensive sound and wi-fi system can be brought on board.

No items of value are left on board the boat overnight.



Defibrillator



Hot Water Urn

## HOW TO FIND US

“Community Spirit 2” is moored at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA. Access to the mooring is via Portland Basin Museum, Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA.

Signs to Portland Basin are displayed on all roads into Ashton-under-Lyne. Portland Basin is 15 minutes’ walk from Ashton-under-Lyne town centre where there are bus, rail and metrolink connections.

## PORTLAND BASIN

Portland Basin is at the junction of the Ashton, Huddersfield and Peak Forest canals. Portland Basin Museum and Bridge View Cafe are well worth a visit!



“Community Spirit 2” at Portland Basin



The Peak Forest Canal at Dukinfield

## VOLUNTEERS

EMCBP is run entirely by volunteers and is a member of the National Community Boats Association (NCBA). EMCBP is an NCBA Accredited Training Centre (ATC) and offers training to others; volunteers are trained to nationally recognised standards.



Volunteers learn how to operate a lock

To learn more about volunteering opportunities please telephone the number shown below or visit our website.

## GETTING IN TOUCH

For bookings, general enquiries or to learn more about the project please contact:

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Website [www.emcbp.org.uk](http://www.emcbp.org.uk)

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*“Your Community in Action”*

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