

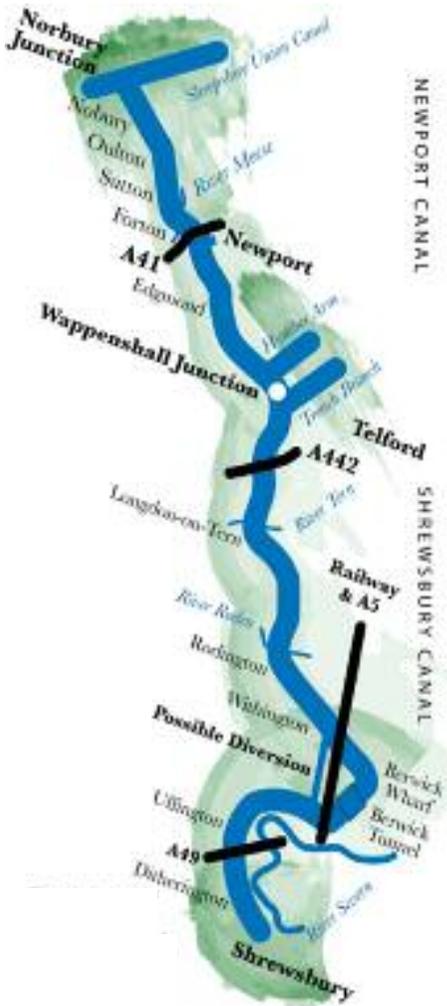


## Wappenshall Wharf Appeal

Standing at Wappenshall wharf are two wonderful canal buildings and a towpath bridge which have been preserved largely by neglect.



Photo: R.Kinsley-Marpole



The site was bought by the local council in 2009 and is now leased to the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust whose ambition is to re-open the whole canal from Norbury Junction to Shrewsbury.

More immediately the Trust is now desperately seeking help to deliver its biggest project since its formation in 2000. The 2 years of dedicated hard work by the Project Team has resulted in a £1M grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. In addition, they have managed to obtain further funding of over £70,000 towards the overall cost of £1.5M. The remaining £430,000 is proving extremely difficult to raise in the current economic climate.

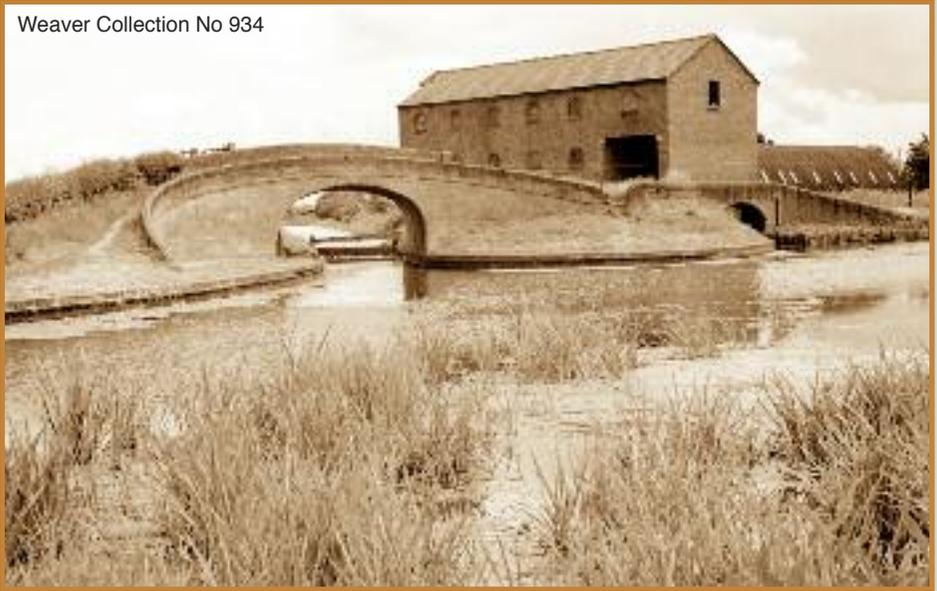
Their objective, as stated in the Business Plan, is to create a Visitor Centre and a community "hub" as a means of funding the restoration and maintenance of two very fine Grade II listed 19th century canal warehouses.

This situation is now critical. The balance of £430,000 needs to be raised by the deadline later this year or the project will not go ahead. The Trust is asking for pledges urgently to save this very worthwhile scheme. If this is not achieved and the project fails, the pledges will not be called in. Saving and restoring these fine canal buildings is very much in line with our Club's aims. Your committee has therefore decided that the Club should support this scheme and has pledged £1000.

More information on the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust Website: [cms.snct.co.uk/](http://cms.snct.co.uk/)



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**Two pictures from the Weaver Collection of Wappenshall Junction and Wharf circa 1950**

934: Through the bridge is the Newport Branch which passes up 23 locks in the 10½ miles to Norbury Junction with the Shropshire Union Canal. To the left is the Shrewsbury Canal which passes 2 locks, the Longton on Tern aqueduct and the Berwick Tunnel in the 14½ miles en route to Shrewsbury. To the right is the line to Trench

933: Approaching the junction bridge from Norbury and Newport

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