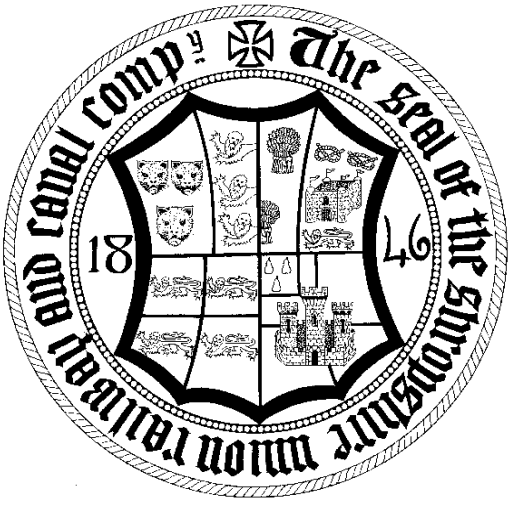
SHROPSHIRE UNION CANAL SOCIETY

Health and Safety Policy 2026 Issue



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HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

It is our intent to demonstrate an on-going commitment to manage the health and safety of our Society members and all other persons affected by our planning, organisation and management of volunteer working, fund-raising and social events. We will ensure adequate time and resources are provided to promote a positive health and safety culture and encourage an attitude of responsibility and co-operation at all levels of the Society. We will keep abreast of legislation and comply with relevant statutory provisions.

Through effective leadership by the Council of Trustees of the Society and the cooperation of our members we will identify, assess and control the Health and Safety risks associated with activities carried out.

- Prevent accidents and cases of activity-related ill health by adequately controlling the health and safety hazards and risks arising from our activities and make reasonable and practical safeguards to ensure a safe environment for our volunteers and others affected by our activities including members of the public and site visitors.

- Provide guidance, instruction, adequate training, and effective supervision for volunteers, ensuring they are competent and suitably experienced to carry out their appointed tasks. Provide all necessary protective equipment and maintain safe facilities, plant and tools.

- Provide all appropriate personal protective equipment and provide and maintain safe facilities, plant, equipment and tools.

- Fully cooperate with Canal and River Trust when under their operational control and working in compliance with their health and safety management process.

- Review our policy and seek guidance in best practice from the Canal and River Trust and other relevant authorities.

- Review current Health & Safety legislation and approved practice at regular intervals. and review this policy at regular intervals and revise accordingly.

- Regularly review and discuss Health and Safety as an agenda item at Council meetings.

- Carry out investigations into all accident or near-miss reports whilst carrying out the Society's activities and comply with the statutory reporting of loss time injuries in accordance with the RIDDOR regulations.

Signed by

Chair person of the
Shopshire Union Canal Society

Date

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Amendment Record – Health and Safety policy – 2026

Details	Chairperson's Signature	Date
Change made in the wording of the second paragraph concerning Covid – 19 documentation		17/01/2023
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