

# CANAL BOAT TRIPS

## Trent and Mersey Canal



  
**MERCIA MARINA**  
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**AWARD OF  
 EXCELLENCE**

The Shires Magazine is pleased to present Mercia Leisure Trips with our Award for Excellence, awarded for meeting every criteria for Boat Trip Specialist of the Year 2013.



Situated at the Mercia Marina in Willington, Derbyshire, this reputable company offers passengers the chance to experience the peace and tranquillity of canal life, accompanied with first class customer service.

Operated by Skipper Steve Frost and his crew, they provide a welcoming and friendly atmosphere as you join them sailing along the scenic Trent and Mersey canal. Your journey will begin from the Stenson Belle's moorings at Mercia Marina to either Stenson or Willington village.

Travelling along the canal by boat offers a completely different view of the

beautiful surrounding open countryside than you would normally see on foot along the towpaths. Chugging along at a sedate 2-3 miles per hour, you won't even hear the canal boat engine as you feel yourself truly relax. There is something different to see every day as the seasons change, from the local flora and fauna, local wildlife as well as other boats passing by.

Passengers are welcome to feed the ducks with food available for purchase from the crew. Tea and coffee, along with other light refreshments, are served on board, but once you reach the Stenson destination you are welcome to get off, stretch your legs and enjoy a cuppa in the café and investigate the lock for 30 minutes, before reboarding for the return journey. With trips running between March and November, weather permitting, the Stenson Belle can accommodate up to 12 passengers, with room for up to 2 wheelchairs on the rear boat deck.



When presented with the award, a delighted Steve said *"It is a privilege to receive this award and it feels like all the hard work has finally paid off. I love dealing with people and showing them the magnificent wonders the canal has to offer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for their support"*

Prices start at just £3 per adult, and £2 for children and senior citizens, for a tour of the Marina\*, with discounts on family tickets for trips to Stenson and Willington. As well as running regular weekend trips, you can also book group trips by chartering the whole boat. For more information, please call Steve on: **07922 573023** or email **boattrips@mail.com**.

(\*Special days only.)