



Bruce Boats
Kennet & Avon Canal Trust

Member of the
Accessible Waterways
Association



ENGINEER – JOB VACANCY
12 hours per week, plus occasional overtime
£12,600 - £15,600 pa depending on experience

Bruce Boats, part of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, is a charitable operation running four fully-accessible widebeam canal boats for holiday hire and day trips, and a youth narrowboat. We are looking for a part time engineer to work at our base at Great Bedwyn (SN8 3PB), taking overall responsibility for the maintenance of the boats and their engines, assisted by a team of volunteers.

During the summer months, the Engineer will be expected to be at Great Bedwyn wharf every Friday and Saturday morning. The remaining hours can be worked flexibly. During the winter Tuesday is the main work day, with the other hours worked flexibly. Occasionally the Engineer will be expected to attend boats at any place along the canal, so own transport is essential.

Ability to maintain diesel engines and basic electrical knowledge is required; familiarity with canal boats an advantage, although training will be given.

There can be some flexibility in the duties of the Engineer, according to the strengths and skills of the right individual. These are the main tasks:

The Engineer will:

1. **Maintain** the boat engines and systems in good condition, with the help of volunteers.
2. **Support** hirers with any issues during trips:
 - a. answer phone calls and texts whenever possible using the Chalkboard App, helping hirers solve problems themselves where practicable
 - b. for serious issues, either attend the boat at its location, or arrange for volunteers to do so
 - c. advise volunteers on the best course of action if unable to attend in person
 - d. record details of callouts and other incidents
3. **Oversee**
 - a. turnarounds on boat changeover days, ensuring boats are in the right position to refuel, board passengers, and that there is space for returning boats
 - b. maintenance of the boats in consultation with the Boats Manager, especially on turn-round days and Tuesday workdays
 - c. maintenance and good order of the Wharf site and buildings seeking support from volunteers as needed
4. **Liase** with suppliers and contractors, arranging the purchase and delivery of supplies to the wharf, in consultation with the Boat Manager
5. **Ensure** that certification of all equipment and processes that require certification is completed and paperwork in place, and that clear records are kept, using IT systems where appropriate
6. **Report** regularly to the Boat Manager and Branch Chair



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The right person will:

ESSENTIAL

- have experience of maintaining diesel engines
- have experience and knowledge of electrical systems
- be comfortable using IT systems
- have their own transport
- be willing to work flexibly

DESIRABLE

- be familiar with canal boat systems including toilets
- have experience of boat electric systems
- have knowledge of Boat Safety legislation
- have experience of working with volunteers