

Lady Hilda Information Sheet

Contacts: Any questions, start with Ali on **07397285530**. Engineer support is **07442405093**.

Bookings run from 5pm on the first day to 5pm on the last, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Codes: Boat padlock 2010. Car park padlock 1234. Bruce Boats water point 2007.

A suitably qualified skipper must be in charge of the boat at all times. Acceptable qualifications are the National Community Boats Association CCBM and the Girlguiding Narrowboating Qualification. The Scout Permit may be permitted if evidence of suitable experience is given.

Life jackets are provided for all on board. They must be worn by anyone working locks or steering the boat. Please note that no-one is permitted on the roof of the boat while the boat is under way (except in exceptional circumstances under supervision of the skipper).

Toilet paper is provided on the boat – please do not put tissues, wet wipes, cotton buds, sanitary products or any chemicals or cleaning products down the toilet. If you find you need to buy more toilet paper during your trip, please only use cheap 2-ply, not luxury 3-ply, in order to prevent blockages.

Cleaning materials, washing up liquid, cloths, etc are also provided.

Drinking water is provided out of the tap in the kitchen, which has a filter on it.

You will need to bring your own tea towels, at least three hand towels (for bathrooms x 2, plus galley), and a bathmat if you intend to use the shower.

You will also need to bring your own bedding, pillows, etc. We recommend not to bring hard suitcases / framed rucksacks as there is nowhere to store them on board.

Lady Hilda is a self-cleaning boat!!! This means that we do not have cleaners to make it sparkle between hires: it is up to you to keep it clean and tidy. You may need to remove a few cobwebs on arrival, as the spiders like to take over. **Please clean thoroughly before you leave. If the boat is not left clean and tidy we reserve the right to charge you a £100 cleaning fee.**

Please be polite to all other users of the canal, even if they are not polite to you. It is **essential** that you travel at your slowest speed (“tickover”) past moored boats, and that you have slowed down well in advance of reaching them.

Please familiarise yourself with the contents of the **emergency grab bag** at the stern of the boat:

- **cue cards** – outlines of how to cope in a various emergency situations
- **locations file** – maps and instructions to give the emergency services so they can access locations along the canal
- **high vis jacket** – useful if you need to send someone out to flag down an ambulance
- **towel**
- **first aid kit** – please use your own if possible, but *if you need to use ours let us know at the end of the trip so we can restock it*
- **accident / incident forms** – please one fill out if you should be unlucky enough to have an accident / incident or serious near miss on your trip

In the green folder there is a daily check list and feedback form, and, on the reverse, a checklist of the cleaning etc which needs doing at the end of your trip (for which you should allow about an hour).

Please email this back to us at when you have completed it.