

Volunteers filmed for adoption campaign

THE Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters (SUMBA) recently visited the 48-hour moorings at Sykes Hollow picnic area and Brickyard Bridge 6 to carry out annual repainting of the picnic tables, barbecues, totem posts, the bridge's timbers and the steps handrail.

An unusual aspect of this work party was that they were joined by the Canal & River Trust's local press officer and cameraman to film some volunteer material for the recent launch of its '500 miles of canals up for adoption' media campaign.

Before setting off from Cholmondeston Lock in workboat *Gowey*, there was a lot of getting on and getting off the boat until the right sequence had been captured and much stage-managed group waving!

On reaching Sykes Hollow there was essential filming of the materials and



Much waving on board workboat *Gowey*! PHOTO SUPPLIED

safety equipment being unloaded and one of the picnic tables was painted so many times that the wood was almost dripping from the underside.

Eventually the press team departed and the serious work commenced. By early afternoon everything had been repainted and returned to a pristine condition – and Brickyard Bridge is again its iconic white colour as it straddles the canal.