

Wet weather working

Battling the elements, 19 volunteers from the Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters were out in June to give Wardle and Stanthorne locks a makeover in advance of the Middlewich Folk and Boat Festival.

Although rain stopped play in the morning, at Stanthorne a bridge and the work-boat *Gowy* provided shelter until the sun came out. At Wardle, meanwhile, the waterproof guarantee of a pop-up gazebo was thoroughly tested. By the end of the day, the valiant volunteers managed to get a coat of paint on the footbridges, lock-side metalwork and lock beams at both sites, greatly improving their appearance.

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A lock-side spruce-up on the Shropshire Union.

