

'100TH BIRTHDAY' FOR MIDDLEWICH ADOPTERS

Volunteers from the Shropshire Union Canal's Middlewich Branch Adopters (SUMBA) celebrated their 100th work party on 19th November with a cake, followed by vegetation clearance at Aqueduct Marina, Church Minshull.

The group, now with over 50 members, was one of the earliest canal length adopters, formed in April 2014, and has the longest adopted length - 5½ miles from Barbridge Junction to Church Minshull. Most groups look after a mile or less.

The 'Clean for the Queen' event in March was a 12-mile litter pick from Calverley to Middlewich, roping in other volunteers, including Nantwich Cubs. Its hedge-laying project near Venetian Marina was runner-up in the 2016 Living Waterways Awards.