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**Canal Trust Chief Executive Talks about Restoration  
Progress and Plans**

Ken Oliver, the Chief Executive of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust will speak in public about progress to date in restoring the canal and plans for future developments this Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The talk will cover latest developments in the plan to bring the canal back in to Swindon's town centre.

This talk is part of Swindon Civic Trust's successful events programme and will take place at Heelis, the National Trust's splendid new central office, in Kemble Drive, Swindon, starting at 7.45 pm. Entry costs £4 on the door, including light refreshments, but is free to Swindon Civic Trust members.

The Civic Trust will be holding its annual general meeting just before the talk, starting at 6.30.

John Monniot, Civic Trust trustee, commented: "Our talks programme gives Swindon people the chance to be informed about developments affecting our town's future and allows them to discuss them with knowledgeable and influential people.

The Civic Trust, itself, has been running now for over six years and is taken seriously by decision makers. Some of the founders are now moving on and we're urgently looking to bring some new blood aboard to keep up the momentum. Anyone interested in contributing to our work should come along to the AGM for a friendly chat."

## **Further Information**

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### **The Swindon Civic Trust:**

The Swindon Civic Trust is a charity, affiliated to The Civic Trust nationally. The Trust's objectives are:

To promote high standards of planning, environmental sustainability and architecture in or affecting Swindon and the surrounding area.

To research, inform and educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, architecture and built environment and the process of local government of Swindon and the surrounding area.

To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Swindon and the surrounding area.

To encourage and support community and individual participation in the pursuit of these objectives.

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