

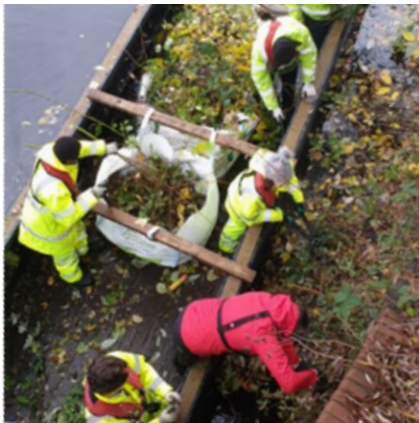
# Volunteering Spotlight: Canal and River Trust

Noah Kreike from KPS ventured to East Manchester to volunteer for the Canal & River Trust at lock 76 of Rochdale canal.



## About the Charity

Founded in 2012, Canal & River Trust is the UK's largest waterways charity, caring for a 2,000-mile network of stunning canals and navigable rivers across the UK. Connecting many of the UK's urban and rural areas, they provide essential spaces for wildlife and people, helping us all feel happier and healthier. The 250 year old waterways need constant upkeep and investment. Without it, they face decline and closure, and we risk losing the incredible benefits they bring.



## How did you spend your day?

The section of canal we worked on was amidst a backdrop of warehouses and the underside of a railway bridge. We spent the day clearing the overgrown flora, which was reminiscent of the Amazon rainforest!

We cleared nettles and small trees that were encroaching onto the path, then removed the offcuts for natural decomposition. After a solid day of manual work, the canal regained its natural beauty thanks to the KPS Liverpool team.

## How did you feel about volunteering?

We enjoyed our day volunteering for the Canal & River Trust. It was great to spend the day with colleagues in a different environment to the office and also outside with nature. I definitely felt we bonded as a team.

The weather was wet, but it didn't stop us getting on with the task in hand, and we could see the results at the end of the day. The towpaths looked a lot clearer, and we knew the local community would also reap the benefits.

Our removal of the overbearing greenery has provided a clean path alongside the river for the local community, and furthermore, we have embellished the symbolic connection between our two offices by working together on the very body of water that runs between Manchester and Liverpool.

I would certainly recommend taking part in a Kier volunteering day, we are looking forward to our next one!



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