

Gazetteer J - Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal - Nantwich Junction Bridge (92) to Marsh Lane Bridge (91)

Photograph	Approximate grid reference	Description	Date and designers	Condition	Ownership	Protection	Comments	Recommendations
	SJ 63939 52922	Towpath roving bridge to Basin End. Engineering bricks in English bond with whitewash. Elliptical skew arch with stone edgings to canal. Blue brick paving with raised courses under bridge. 2 cast iron rope guards.	1826, Thomas Telford	Fair	CRT	Grade II listed - 113456, UID 56979.	This is the first narrow bridge travelling south on the Shropshire Union Canal. The bridge carries the towpath over the canal to Basin End.	See Recommendations 17 (original towpath surface), 19 (sympathetic repairs) and 20 (consider lime wash).
Stop gate								
	SJ 63937 52924	The single wooden stop gate is in case of breach, or repair work, on the Aqueduct. It isolates the aqueduct from the canal north of it.	1826, Thomas Telford	Good	CRT	Grade II listed - 1138542, UID 56980.	This one is listed, the one at the other end is not.	Investigate listing the other one. See Recommendation 19 (sympathetic repairs).
Canal Mile Post								
	SJ 63938 52930	Cast iron milepost, typical for the Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal. It shows distances from Nantwich, Norbury Junction and Autherley Junction.	1826	Fair	CRT	Grade II listed - 1138543, UID 56981.	This needs inspecting now the fencing has been removed.	Make sure it is OK.
Access at Nantwich Junction Bridge, 92								
	N/A	As this is a roving bridge, the access is sloped.	1826, Thomas Telford	Fair	CRT	None	The slope is gentle and adequate.	See Recommendation 3 (heritage design brief).
Service Block, former lengthsman's hut								
	SJ 6395 5289	This brick built, former lengthsman's hut has been extended and converted into a service block for users of the canal.	19th century with 20th century extension	Fair	CRT	None	There are toilets, elsan disposal and a shower. It is not always very clean.	Encourage people to report when it needs cleaning.
Ex hire boat yard								
	SJ 6398 5286	This is now the wharf for Nantwich Canal Centre. The boats are moored perpendicular to the canal and so sometimes can cause an obstruction.	Unknown	Fair	Nantwich Canal Centre	None	There should be a limit on the length of boat moored here as it can be difficult to pass when boats are at the service station and waiting to use it and passing all at the same time.	See Recommendations 2 (design to highest standard) and 3(heritage design brief).

Sculpture trail									
	N/A	The trail is the culmination of a collaborative Community Arts Project, initiated to celebrate the restoration of the Nantwich Embankment.	Unknown	Good	Unknown	None	Leaflets were available from Nantwich TIC, but apparently they have run out.	Nantwich should promote this more.	
Spillweir									
	SJ 6401 5284	Excess water spills over this spillweir on the offside of the canal. There is not a fence although boats are protected from it by the boat yard.	1826, Thomas Telford	Fair	CRT	None	It is often difficult to see as boats tend to be moored around it.	Ensure that it does not get blocked by boats or weed.	
Access down from the embankment to the road.									
	N/A	There are both a slope and steps here. They are hard surfaced with wooden posts and railings.	Unknown	Good	Cheshire East?	None	This access is adequate, although some of the trees planted when it was made are starting to overhang the paths.	Inform whoever looks after it that maintenance is needed.	
Nantwich Aqueduct									
	SJ 64203 52578	Cast iron box girder span carried on shallow segmental arch. Concave plain brick abutments. Ornamental cast iron parapet railings. Towpath with horse bricks.	1827-30, Thomas Telford	Fair	CRT	Grade II* listed - 1330146, UID 57006.	There are some concerns about leaks, but CRT are apparently monitoring this.	This deserves an interpretation board and proper maintenance. See Recommendation 25 (interpretation board).	
Views from Nantwich Aqueduct									
	N/A	Looking north west from the aqueduct there is a view of the old A534, Chester Road as it approaches Nantwich. South East, the view is of the A534, Welsh Row, with a comprehensive school (with recycling facilities) and a modern development.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	There are rope marks on the cast iron railings which can easily be seen when looking down from the aqueduct.	Interpretation of the rope marks would be good. See recommendation 25 (interpretation board).	
View of Nantwich Aqueduct from the road									
	N/A	It is a very pleasing view of the aqueduct from the road.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The trees should be kept cut back so that the view is retained.	A road sign could inform passers by that this is the Shropshire union Canal.	
View down Nantwich Bank									
	N/A	The embankment is largely grassed and the modern housing can be seen at its base.	1827-30, Thomas Telford	Fair	CRT	None	There are a selection of moorings along here, some long term, others for visitors. It is a very popular spot.	Signage could indicate ways to the shops and other attractions of Nantwich.	

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Towpath access, from Marsh Lane									
		SJ 6416 5173	This access is almost at the end of the embankment, so is fairly level and suitable for all abilities. It is hard surfaced and wide.	Unknown	Good	CRT	None	This is used by fishermen, walkers and boaters.	An interpretation board would be good here. Also see Recommendations 3 (heritage design brief) and 25 (interpretation board).
Canal Cottage									
		SJ 6414 5166	This cottage was presumably for the canal worker who looked after the aqueduct and embankment. It is attractive, brick built with a slate roof.	mid 19th century?	Good	CRT?	None	This is an attractive cottage with assorted out buildings.	See Recommendations 1 (must enhance heritage), 2 (design to highest standard), 3 (heritage design brief) and 4 (simple design guide) and investigate local listing.
Marsh Lane Bridge, 91									
		SJ 61441 61539	Whitewashed blue bricks and stone work. Wide elliptical skew on stone base. Cast iron rope guards on both angles of arch. Worn horse bricks on towpath. This bridge carries Marsh Lane over the canal.	c1826, Thomas Telford	Good	CRT	Grade II listed - 1312780, UID 56973.	There is no access to the towpath from the bridge.	See Recommendations 17 (original towpath surface), 19 (sympathetic repairs) and 20 (consider lime wash).
Stop gate									
		SJ 6410 5163	This is the other one to that at Bridge 92 - to be used in case of a breach or work on the embankment or aqueduct.	1827-30, Thomas Telford	Poor	CRT	None	Amazingly this is not listed as the other one is.	Take steps to have it listed.