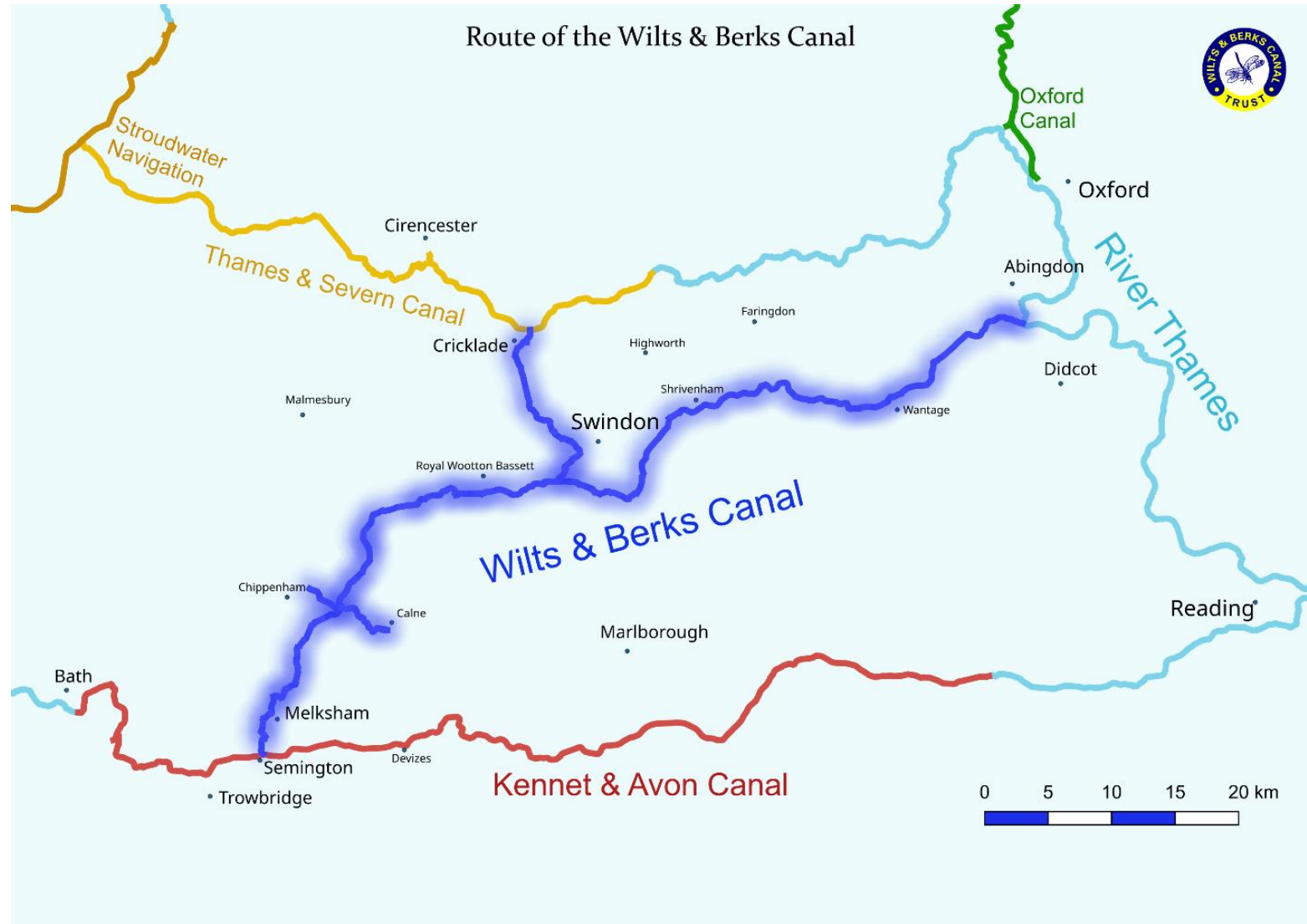




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**We are not here to seek funds this evening:**

- **We need to re-engage with the local community**
- **We need to recruit new volunteers in Calne**
- **We need to renew a lapsed lease from Bowood Estates**
- **We need ownership or leases from 4 other landowners**
- **We must refresh our links with Avon Needs Trees**
- **We need to produce a detailed 5-year work plan**
- **We will need multiple planning consents**

**We are here to begin regular engagement with the Calne Area Board**

**PS: I lived in Calne for 32 years at 1 Silver St. My GP's Surgery is still Patford House**



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## Basic facts about our registered charity, No 299595

- Established by volunteers in 1977 to restore 70 miles of abandoned canal and towpaths between Semington, Abingdon and Cricklade, all via a Swindon hub
- Total 2022/23 full year Income was £314k, Surplus was £2k
- 29% of towpaths and 6.5% of navigable canal were restored by 2023
- Over 90% of our users are walkers, runners, cyclists, nature lovers and anglers
- There are 2,350 members and about 200 active working volunteers
- We have 5 geographic branches, Melksham Chippenham & Calne, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, West Vale and East Vale
- Plans are in place for a total of 81 projects costing £300m plus at today's prices
- Public wellbeing and economic benefits will total £250m per year on completion
- Community engagement is a key driver for our vision
- Wiltshire's Area Boards can help us to deliver public benefit across 45% of our route

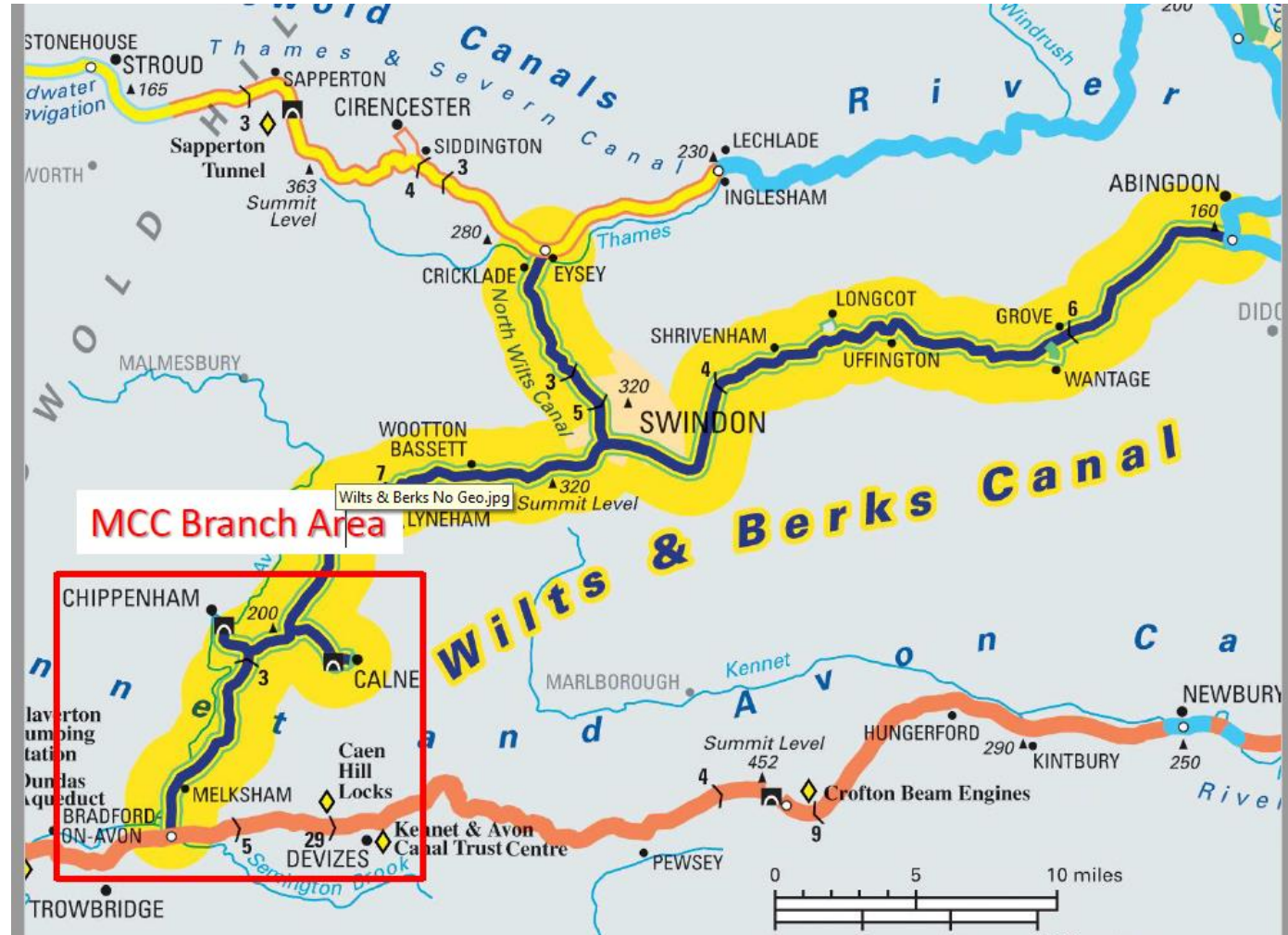


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## Our Melksham, Chippenham and Calne Branch

- Chair, Dave Maloney
- 833 members
- 50+ Volunteers
- Total length 22 miles





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## The Calne section of the Wilts & Berks canal

- **Opened in 1802, abandoned by Act of Parliament in 1914**
- **Length from main canal line to Town Wharf, 4,901m, 3.1 miles**
- **Served several woollen mills and the Harris' foodstuff factories**
- **Current accessible towpath, 0.7 miles**
- **Needs 3 locks, 6 bridges and 3 other structures**
- **Total cost projection, £9.5m at today's prices**
- **WBCT must negotiate with at least 4 landowners**
- **WBCT will need multiple planning consents**



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Calne Town Mill, on the site of the current Town Hall





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Harris's main factory 1984, library adjacent, canal terminus across the A4





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Restored canal and towpath in Castle Park







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Chaveywell Bridge, Restored 1994



*CALNE - Chaveywell Bridge restored.*



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The mini-wharf near Chaveywell Bridge





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**The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust thanks you for your attention**

- **We want to work closely with Wiltshire's Calne Area Board**
- **We think we can deliver great public benefit in Calne**
- **We will be engaging with other bodies in Calne**
- **We will keep you informed on our plans, successes and failures**
- **We will tell you when we need your help**

**Time for questions.....**