

Stroud Town Council Local Heritage Asset List

Wallbridge, Upper Wallbridge Lock, GL5 3JS

Transport

Conservation Area: Stroud Industrial Heritage

Canal lock

List entry number SLHA0040



Description

The Upper Lock at Wallbridge, on the Thames and Severn Canal, was constructed in 1785. Different features constitute the lock, bringing together a quantity of details of both great age and modernity:

- The two whaling beam strips and railings across the bridge are original.
- The gas pipe and brackets were installed in 1833.
- The trig point is newer.
- New additions include the bollards, a rack and pinion winding mechanism designed by Jim White (the current Chair of the Canal Trust), a finger post and a wooden sculpture by Natasha Houseago (2016).

Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record 42793 is a survey of the lock (report SW11357)

Selection Criteria

Age	First built in 1785, then added to in 1833 and again in modern times.
Group value	One of many lock systems on the canal.
Historic association	The canal is one of the oldest structures running through Stroud. It is part of Stroud's history as an important centre for making cloth.
Landmark status	A gateway to the town. The restoration will bring in investment and tourism.
Social and communal value	The restoration of the Thames & Severn Canal and the Stroudwater Canal has involved hundreds of local people and volunteers, and is a focus of social and communal value.
Date of inclusion	June 2017

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