

# The Cotswold Canals Connected project

Join us for a weekend of family fun at the newly created Fromebridge nature reserve with family volunteering and a community wassail

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, two sessions: 10 am – 2 pm and 11 am to 3 pm**

## Family volunteering session

Volunteering as a family is a great opportunity to get away from those screens and instead be active, get outdoors and spend quality time together.

Where: Fromebridge Mill, Whitminster, GL2 7PB  
Suitable for families with children aged 8+

We'll give nature a helping hand by clearing scrub on the nature reserve with our environmental partners Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Stroud Valleys Project, have a warming soup at Fromebridge Mill and get creative making nature-inspired masks ready for the wassail the following day. You can attend the volunteering session without going to the wassail and vice versa, but you are very welcome to take part in both.

For more information and to book your free place visit <https://www.govolunteerglos.org/o/Cotswold-Canals-Connected>

**Sunday, 19th January 2025, 2pm–dusk**

## Wassail with Jonny Fluffypunk, Eleanor Holliday and folk band Dubonni

Our FREE event invites the whole community to take part in the ancient British tradition of Wassailing! Together, we'll ward off evil spirits, bless the trees and ensure a fruitful harvest.

Where: Meet at the car park of Fromebridge Mill, Whitminster, GL2 7PB.

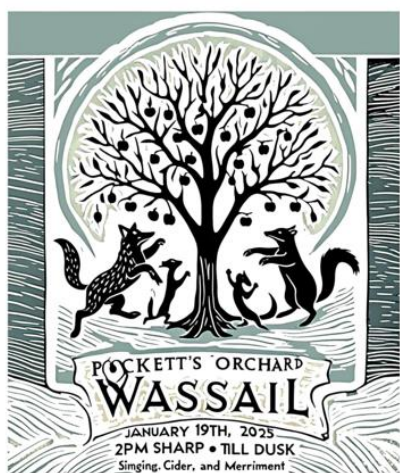
When: We'll leave at 2pm sharp to walk through the Fromebridge Wetlands to Pockett's Orchard along the Stroudwater Canal.

Places are limited – book yours at [www.pockettsorchardwassail.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.pockettsorchardwassail.eventbrite.co.uk)

Need a mask? Attend our **free mask-making workshop on Saturday, 18th January, 10am–2pm, at Fromebridge Mill.**

- Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather; the orchard is up a hill and along a towpath.
- Toilets and parking are available at Fromebridge Mill (a 10-minute walk from the orchard).
- This event is not wheelchair accessible.

Brought to you by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Stroud Valleys Project, Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity, Whitminster Rotary and Cotswold Canals Connected, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Join us for story telling, singing and blessing the trees for a bountiful harvest

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**Family Volunteering Day**

Saturday, 18 January 2025  
Fromebridge Mill, Whitminster  
2 sessions: 10 am - 2 pm; 11 am - 3 pm

Join us for a session of scrub clearance on the nature reserve, a communal lunch and making nature-inspired masks. Suitable for families with children aged 8+.

Why take part?

- Connect with nature, give it a helping hand and learn about local habitats and the canal restoration project
- Get out of the house, be active and spend time in the company of other families.
- Get into the wassailing spirit for our event on Sunday

Booking essential via  
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