

The Sankey Canal Milestone Project

12th January 2021

The installation of the Sankey Canal Milestones is almost complete, with only the “1 Mile to Widnes Lock” to go in when Halton Council upgrade their section of towpath.

The milestones are replicas of the original circa 1762 markers which were installed after the canal was extended to Fiddlers Ferry in that year, hence the reason for the confusing change at Fiddlers Ferry to” Mile to Widnes Lock”.

Locations of the new Milestones

Widnes Lock: - From this point all the locations are measured for the new milestones to Fiddlers Ferry.

1 Mile to Widnes Lock

Location; - near to Carter House Swing Bridge. At present in Halton Council store depot. It will be installed when Halton Council upgrade the towpath.

Installation Date;-to be announced



Sponsored by;-Dr. Barrie Pennington

2 Mile to Widnes Lock

Location; - 300 metres east of Johnson's Crossing

Installation Date; - Thursday 24th December 2020

No picture at present

Sponsored by; - Sankey Canal Restoration Society

3 Mile to Widnes Lock

Location; - within former swing bridge footprint of Marsh Lane Crossing.

Installation Date; - Thursday 24th December 2020



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of the Inland Waterways Association.

Fiddlers Ferry Lock: - the lock that is now filled in and was located to the west of the new Marsh House Lift Bridge.

From this point all the locations are measured for the new milestones to St.Helens Town Centre.

1Mile to Ferry Lock

East of Whittle Brook Aqueduct

Installation Date;-Wednesday 23rd December 2020

No picture at present

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2 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - - within Sankey Valley Park on the canal bank by Sankey Way Bridge opposite side of canal to the towpath

Installation Date; - Wednesday 23rd December 2020



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3 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - On the west side of Bewsey Hall Lodge Swing Bridge

Installation Date;-Wednesday 23rd December2020



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4 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - By footbridge south of Cromwell Avenue

Installation Date; - Wednesday 23rd December 2020



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5 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - 200 metres south of Watery Lane Bridge

Installation Date; - Wednesday 23rd December 2020



Sponsored by; - Dr Barrie Pennington

6 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - North of Newton Brook

Installation Date;-Wednesday 26th September 2018

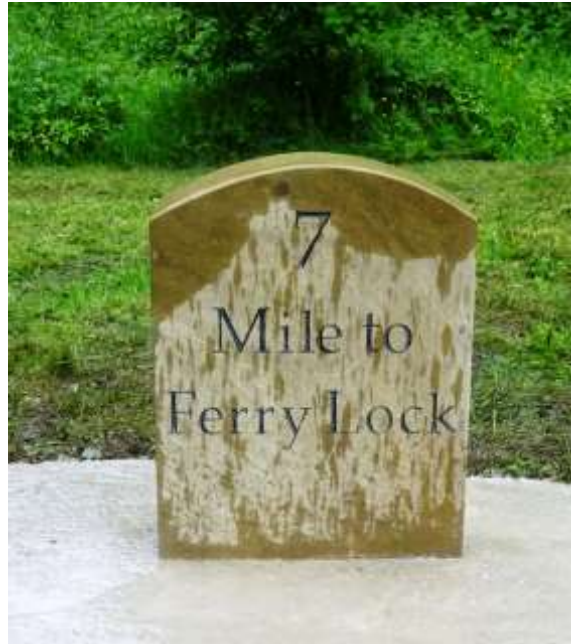


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7 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - South of Bradley Lock

Installation Date;-Friday 25th May 2018



Sponsored by; - Dr. Barrie Pennington

8 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - 200 metres north of Penkford Bridge

Installation Date;-Wednesday 26th September 2018



Sponsored by; - Dr. Barrie Pennington

9 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - At the junction of the towpath and Coopers Lane end.

Installation Date;-Thursday 6th December 2018

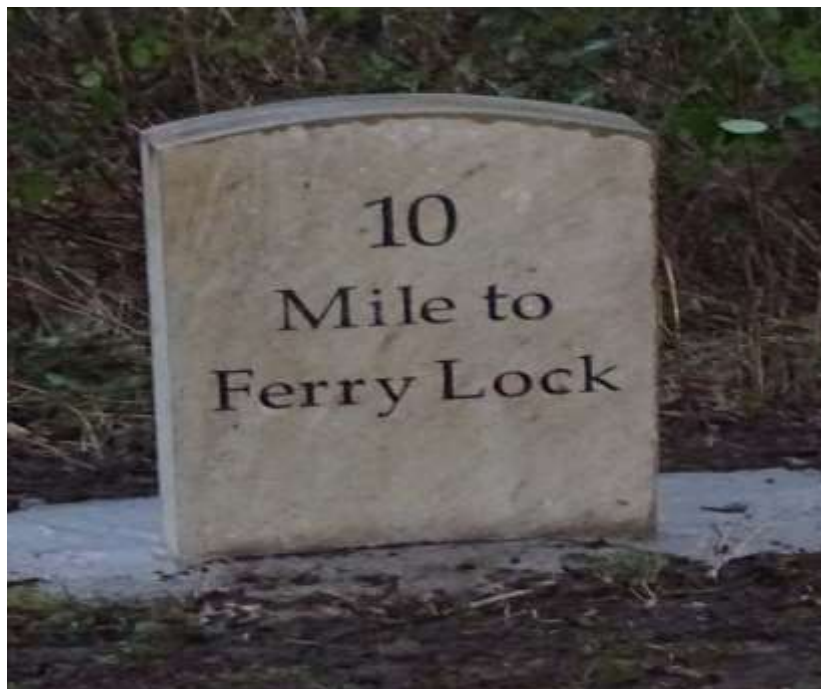


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10 Mile to Ferry Lock (Blackbrook Branch)

Location;-300 metres south of Blackbrook Road Bridge by the entrance to Magnolia Gardens

Installation Date;-Thursday 10th January 2019



Sponsored by; - Sankey Canal Restoration Society

10 Mile to Ferry Lock (Gerards Bridge Branch)

Location; - 300 metres west of Old Double Locks

Installation Date;-Tuesday 9th July2019



Sponsored by; - Sankey Canal Restoration Society

11 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - Below New Double Locks by the footbridge over Rainford Brook

Installation Date;-Friday 30th August 2019



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12 Mile to Ferry Lock

Location; - On the bend opposite the junction with the Sutton Branch.

Installation Date;-Tuesday 9th July2019



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Accidents do happen

On May 2nd 2019 it was reported that Milestone “7Mile to Ferry Lock” had met with an accident, when a council vehicle accidently reversed into it.

Below is the replacement



Not quite the same shape
Replacement provided by St.Helens Council