

High watermark for UK canals ►

BRITISH WATERWAYS this week announced a £500m upgrade of the UK's canal system. The two-stage programme will restore or build over 300 miles of canals and waterways.

The first phase, due for completion this year, includes the Falkirk Wheel in Scotland, the world's first rotating boatlift. The project also includes the first new canal to be designed for a century, the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway, and the restoration of the Anderton Boat Lift. This was built in 1875 to carry cargo vessels between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal, which is 50ft above, and will reopen next week.

Wheel 'em up: Falkirk's rotating boatlift is phase one of a £500m upgrade of the UK's canal system

