



## ANDERTON BOAT LIFT & ACTON BRIDGE

Short round-trip on the Weaver Navigation

**On this cruise you will see:**

### INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

- **Anderton Boat Lift** opened in 1875 to transfer narrow boats the 50ft between the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal - today the traffic is mainly pleasure craft. The area is a scheduled monument and award-winning visitor destination.
- **Anderton Basin** - where barges and small sea-going ships carried chemicals, coal, and salt as well china clay, and pottery via the canal.
- **Winnington works** - still operational, but under major re-development.
- **Winnington Swing Bridge** - the smallest of the river's five swing bridges, and electrically operated since 1909.
- **Wallerescote Island** the site of the former soda ash plant recently demolished to make way for housing. The course of the original river is behind the island.
- **Barnton Sluice and Weir**

### PICTURESQUE RURAL SCENERY

- **Barnton Cut** and the tree lined Weaver Valley.
- **Saltersford Locks** (1877) - the old course of the river meanders south of the Weaver Navigation between here and Winnington.
- **Acton Bridge** - where the river forks at Acton Bridge island. To the south are the moorings of **Acton Bridge Cruising Club**, and the **original stone bridge**. The Danny passes the site of the old swing bridge which was replaced by the present **Acton Swing Bridge** in 1934.

**The Danny** will be turned at Acton Bridge before returning to Anderton Boat Lift.