

## Covid Safe Cruising.

Our concern (as always) is to run safe and enjoyable trips on the beautiful Macclesfield Canal. In light of the current Covid 19 pandemic we are taking the following procedures to protect passengers and crew.



- Persons (Crew, Carers or Passengers) will not be permitted on boat if they have or have had in last two weeks: A positive Covid 19 result, been in close contact with a positive person, have symptoms indicating possible infection e.g. temperature, loss of smell or taste, recent onset cough, cold symptoms. **Trip organiser will have to sign a form confirming that all passengers and carers are clear on the day of travel.**
- All crew will have had two vaccinations and we request that wherever possible passengers are vaccinated. If lateral flow testing is a requirement at the time of the trip this will be done by the crew before the trip.
- Crew will wear facemasks and or visors whenever they cannot socially distance and when passing through the cabin to access the front deck. All passengers must be in possession of a face covering and be prepared to wear it if requested by the crew.
- As crew will maintain social distancing they will be unable to touch or come in close contact with passengers or their property e.g. wheelchairs, walking aids, bags. **Trip organisers must ensure there is sufficient capable carers to meet passenger's normal needs, first aid needs and for the embarking and disembarking of passengers.** Crew will advise and supervise getting on and off the boat, operate lift but will be unable to physically assist except in an emergency
- The safety briefing will be given from the front deck and a copy supplied to the trip organiser.
- In addition to normal cleansing all surfaces and handles will be sanitised before & after every trip. Sanitiser and wipes will be available throughout the boat.
- As we cannot sanitise cutlery and crockery. **Trip organisers will need to bring with them everything they need e.g. knives forks spoons cups glasses and plates.** Consider use of some, or all, disposables. Hot water for drinks will still be provided but passengers will have to keep an eye on water level and top up urn with a jug.
- To maintain social distancing the **rear of the boat will be crew only** (except to step off for the chip shop). Crew will

not enter cabin seating area except to access the front deck. If crew need to use the toilet they will request permission and ask passengers to move forwards out of kitchen area. Toilet surfaces / handles will be sanitised by crew after use. It will be possible for a passenger to go for chips by alighting from the rear of the boat. The chip collector must remain in the cabin of the boat until the crew has given permission for them to come up once the boat is secured and they are socially distanced.

**Due to the inability to maintain safe distancing in a narrowboat cabin we can only do trips within government guidelines current at the time of the trip. This may mean we can only accept groups who are a 'Social Bubble' if strict social distancing rules are not lifted.**