

MONTGOMERY CANAL

The awarding in October 2021 of £13.9m from the Levelling Up Fund, as part of a wider £15.4m bid by Powys County Council, will see the restoration of four miles of the Montgomery Canal within Wales.

The funding will help remove some of the obstructions between Llanymynech and Maerdy and restore the length to full navigation, making a significant contribution to the final aim of connecting the Montgomery Canal to the national canal network.

Craig Williams, MP for Montgomeryshire, said: “The restoration of the canal will bring real investment, real growth and real jobs to Montgomeryshire’s communities.”

This is estimated to be worth £62m over a 10-year period, including £23m from additional visitor spend. Work will include the creation of three water-based nature reserves, the rebuilding of two road bridges, dredging and bank protection and the development of a community cultural hub utilising historic canalside buildings.

The bid, supported by the Canal & River Trust along with the Montgomery Canal Partnership and Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust (who have been working and campaigning on the project for decades), should also provide 40 new jobs in the visitor and tourism sector, along with 85 jobs during the restoration works.



Canoes taking part in the Montgomery Canal Triathlon