



Inland Waterways Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19th September 2026 at 12.30pm
University of Worcester, St John's Campus, Worcester, WR2 6AJ.

Delegate Pack

Welcome

On behalf of the Inland Waterways Association we would like to welcome you to the 67th Annual General Meeting.

Members will be able to attend the sessions remotely as well as attending in person.

[Please register to attend in person using this link](#) so that we can gauge attendance numbers. The link to [register for remote attendance is here](#).

There will be a photographer at the event so please let us know if you do not wish to be featured in any photographs.

The Conference Centre will be open to our members from 10.00 am with refreshments available. From 10.30am attendees will hear the latest on IWA's campaigning work, together with updates on the new IWA Restoration Delivery Group and the IWA Restoration Panel, and how these are helping to shape IWA's approach to the restoration sector. IWA Sustainable Boating Group will update us about Lithium Battery Safety.

The formal AGM will begin at 12.30pm following the presentation of IWA National Awards.

The afternoon offers a chance to catch up with other members over lunch, celebrate our achievements in our 80th anniversary year, before joining an optional guided visit. Lunch will be available at 1:00 p.m. Please note dietary requirements can only be met if registrations are made by 3rd September.

This year, attendees are welcome to join us for one of the two optional guided visits from 2.30 pm. Option 1 at the Museum of Royal Worcester will explore the fascinating story of Worcester's world-famous porcelain industry and the vital role of the waterways in its development. The tour will highlight how the River Severn and Worcester & Birmingham Canal enabled the transport of raw materials and finished porcelain, helping to connect Worcester's industry with markets further afield. Option 2 at Diglis Island and Fish Pass will explore Diglis as an important centre of River Severn navigation and its connection

with the Worcester & Birmingham Canal. It will include a guided walk at its historic lock-gate workshop, followed by a visit to the Fish Pass and its underwater viewing gallery.

We hope you enjoy the event!

Programme for the Day: The Annual General Meeting is the formal part of the day-long Annual Members Meeting, the full timetable of which is as follows:

10.00 – 10.30 am	Coffee and Registration
10:30 – 10:40 am	Welcome from Mike Wills, National Chair
10:40 – 11:10 am	Updates on Campaigns and Public Affairs
11:10 – 11:25 am	Restoration Delivery Group Update – IWA’s new approach to working in the restoration sector
11:25 – 11.45 am	Tea & Coffee Interval
11.45 – 12.00 pm	IWA Restoration Panel - new structure and latest developments
12:00 – 12:10 pm	Sustainable Boating Update – Lithium Battery Safety
12.10-12.30 pm	Presentation of IWA National Awards
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Annual General Meeting*
1:00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Departure for optional afternoon guided visits

***AGM Agenda**

1. Opening remarks and welcome
2. To review and approve the [minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting](#)
3. To receive the [Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2025](#) and the Report of the Auditors
4. To confirm the appointments and reappointments of the following members, recommended by the Board, as Trustee Directors of the Association, namely: Peter Marlow, Paul Strudwick, David Morgan, Matthew Rogers, Jess van der Drift, Tiffany Gayle-Haynes, Alexander Barty, and Chris Knell as recommended each for terms of three years. [Details of nominees are available here.](#)
5. To re-appoint Sayer Vincent LLP as auditors of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts and to authorise trustees to agree their remuneration

Lunch

Lunch will be available at 1.00 p.m. at the Conference Centre Dining Hall. Attendees wishing to join us for lunch were asked to register by 3rd September. After this date, we may unfortunately be unable to accommodate any further special dietary requirements.

Please continue to register your attendance, even if you do not require lunch, as this will help us plan for the day. Members are also welcome to bring their own packed lunch if preferred.

Anyone with dietary requirements who has not registered by 3rd September is advised to bring their own packed lunch.

Afternoon Activities - Guided Visit

Both optional afternoon guided visits are available to AGM attendees at a reduced rate. Please let us know which one you would prefer and make payment by Thursday 10 September. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Optional guided visit option 1 - Museum of Royal Worcester

The guided tour lasts approximately one hour and will be tailored to our group, highlighting the museum's connections with the local waterways. The tour will include archive photographs relating to canal transport and displays illustrating the transportation of raw materials. It will also explore key highlights of Worcester's porcelain-making history, from the factory's early experiments to royal commissions and examples of its craftsmanship. Visitors will have the opportunity to handle selected pieces from the museum's collection.

Meeting point: 2.30pm at the Museum of Royal Worcester, Severn Street, Worcester (12 minutes' drive from the AGM venue)

Parking: The nearest parking to the Museum is the on street pay and display parking bays on Severn Street and King Street car park. Slightly further away is Commandery Road carpark and Clare Street multi-storey. For up-to-date information please see [Worcester City Website](#). Blue badge holders are entitled to 3 hours' free parking on Severn Street adjacent to the Museum.

The address of the Museum of Royal Worcester is: Severn Street, Worcester, WR1 2ND
If you are using SatNav or GPS, enter postcode: WR1 2NE for the most accurate location.

Accessibility: Both the ground-floor and upper-floor galleries are fully accessible via a working lift. Please note that there are a couple of steps connecting the Victorian and 20th-century galleries. Unfortunately, the platform lift for these steps is currently out of service.

Cost: £14.95 per person

To confirm this option, please call IWA Head Office at 01494 783 453 and make payment by card by 10 September.

Optional guided visit option 2 - Diglis Island & Fish Pass

The 90-minute guided visit offers an opportunity to explore Diglis Island and learn about the history of this man-made island in the River Severn, the impact of the river's industrial use on wildlife, and the work being undertaken to restore river connectivity for migrating fish. The visit continues with a short walk along the towpath and across Diglis Bridge to the 100m-long Fish Pass, where visitors will discover how the structure enables fish to bypass the weir. The tour also includes access to the underwater viewing gallery.

Meeting point: 2.30pm at Diglis Island, Worcester, WR5 3BS (13 minutes' drive from the AGM venue)

Parking: On the city side, there is parking adjacent to the Island, either in the CRT parking compound or along Diglis Dock Road. There is also on-street parking on the University / St John's side along Weir Lane, approximately a 10-minute walk from the Island.

Accessibility: Diglis Island has step-free access to most areas, although some uneven surfaces and slopes are present. The route to the Fish Pass is approximately 830m and includes ramps and slopes. Please note that the underwater viewing gallery is accessed by 36 steps and is not wheelchair accessible. An accessible toilet is available on Diglis Island. If you have any accessibility requirements or concerns, please contact us in advance so we can discuss these with the team.

Cost: £7.50 per person

To confirm this option, please call IWA Head Office and make payment by card by 10 September.

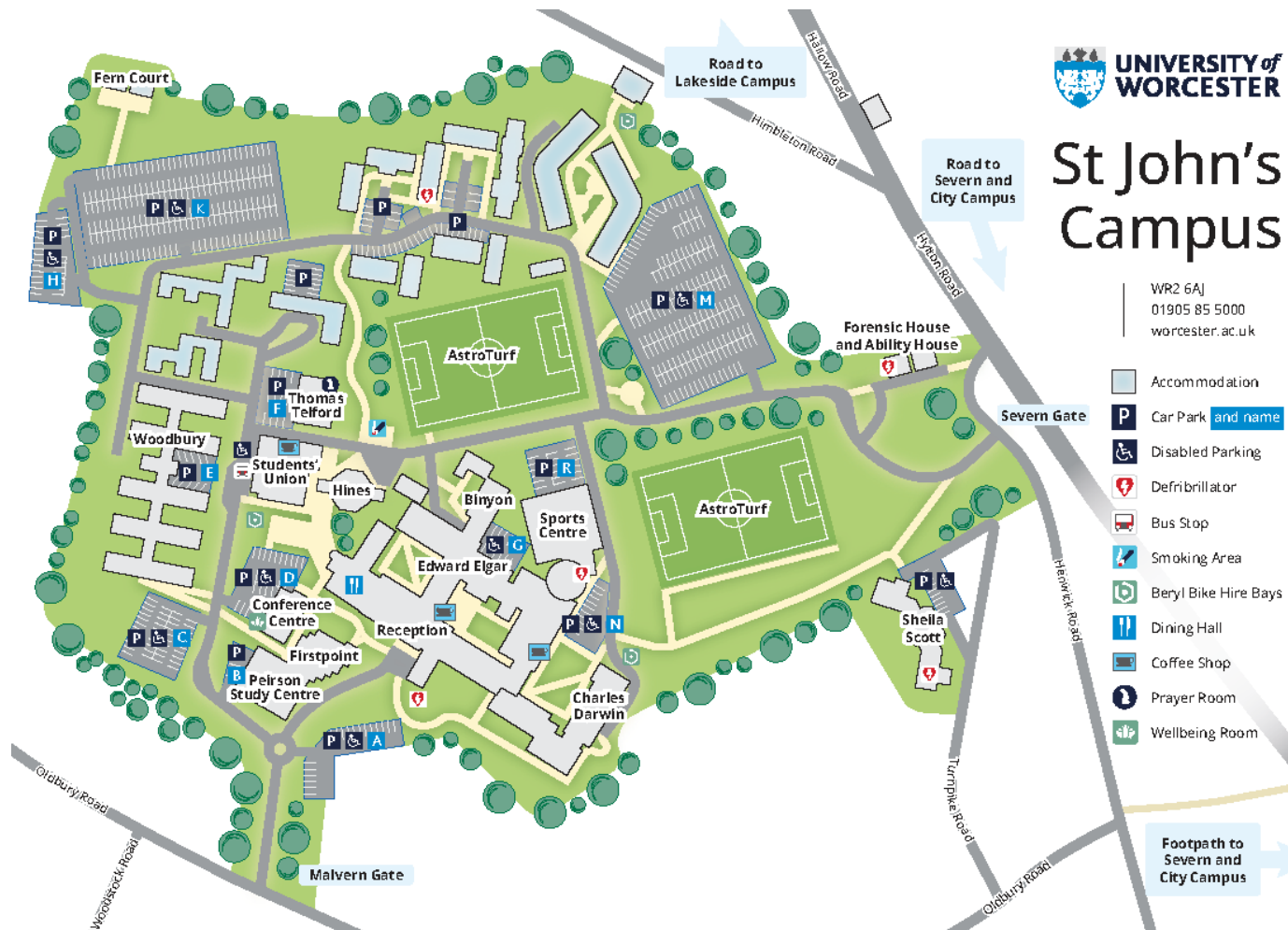
The Venue

Address: Conference Centre at St John's Campus, Henwick Grove, St John's, Worcester. Please use the postcode WR2 6AJ in your Sat Nav.

What3words for the Conference Centre where IWA AGM will be held is:
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The venue is fully accessible with disabled toilets and step free access, and it is located at only 10 minute walk from the River Severn.

St John's Campus Map



Travel Information

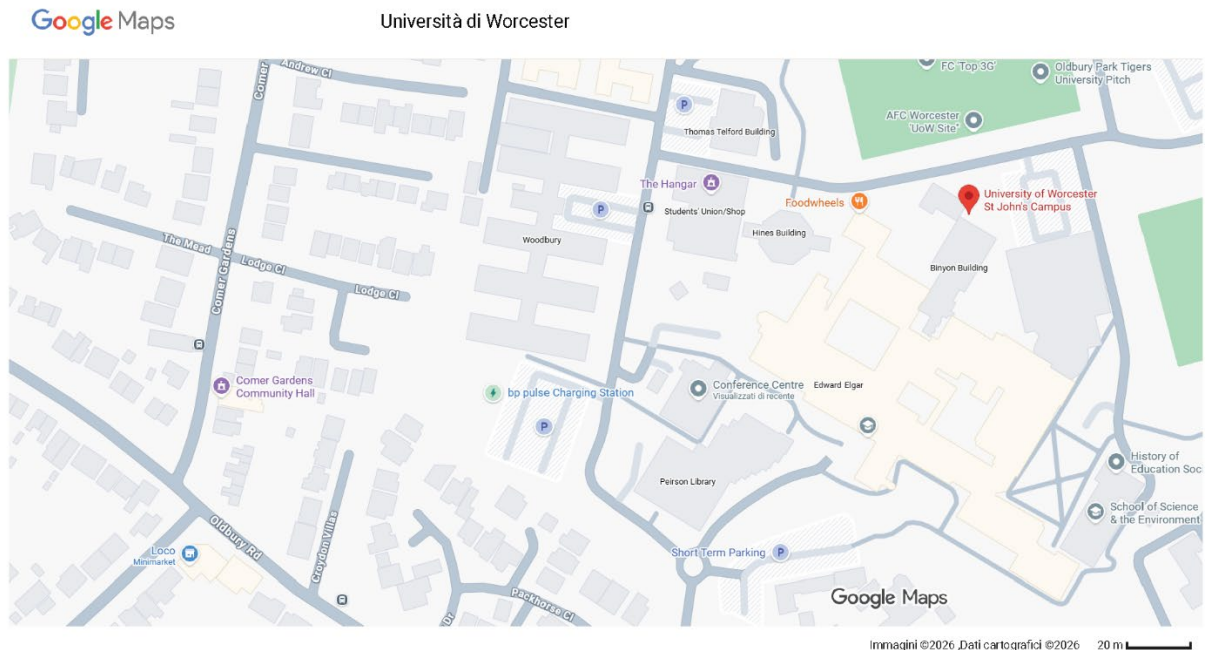
By car

Worcester is served by the M5 motorway and is accessible from Junctions 6 and 7. Under normal traffic conditions all university campuses can be reached in 15-20 minutes from Junction 7. The University is clearly signposted once you come off at Junction 7.

The Malvern Gate is a main vehicle and pedestrian entrance and the closest to the Conference Centre. The What3Words for the Conference Centre where the IWA AGM will be held is: ///bricks.stone.movies

Sat Nav: St John's Campus: WR2 6AJ

[St John's Campus at Google Maps](#)



Car Parking

There are several car parks around the St John's Campus. The closest Car Parks to the conference Centre are A, B, C, D. To find each car park please view the St Johns Campus Map above. A car displaying a Registered Disabled badge will not be charged a car park charge.

Parking information: Card Only payment machines are located in the following locations: Car Park C; Car Park F.

Short Stay - Car Park A

£2.20 - up to 1 hour

£3.70 - up to 2 hrs

£7.00 - up to 4 hrs

£8.50 - up to 6 hrs
£15.00 - up to 24 hrs

St John's Long Stay Car Parks

£1.40 - up to 1 hour
£3.40 - up to 3 hrs
£4.50 - up to 4 hrs
£5.60 - up to 6 hrs
£6.50 – up to 8 hrs
£10.00 - up to 24 hrs
£3.00 - evenings 18:00 - 23:59

Blue badge holders can park in any car park or disabled bay without a charge.

By Rail

Worcester is served by two train stations:

- Worcester Foregate Street is situated in the city centre and is a 25-30 minute walk from the University or 5 minutes by taxi
- Worcester Shrub Hill is a 40-45 minute walk from the University or 10 minutes by taxi

By Bus

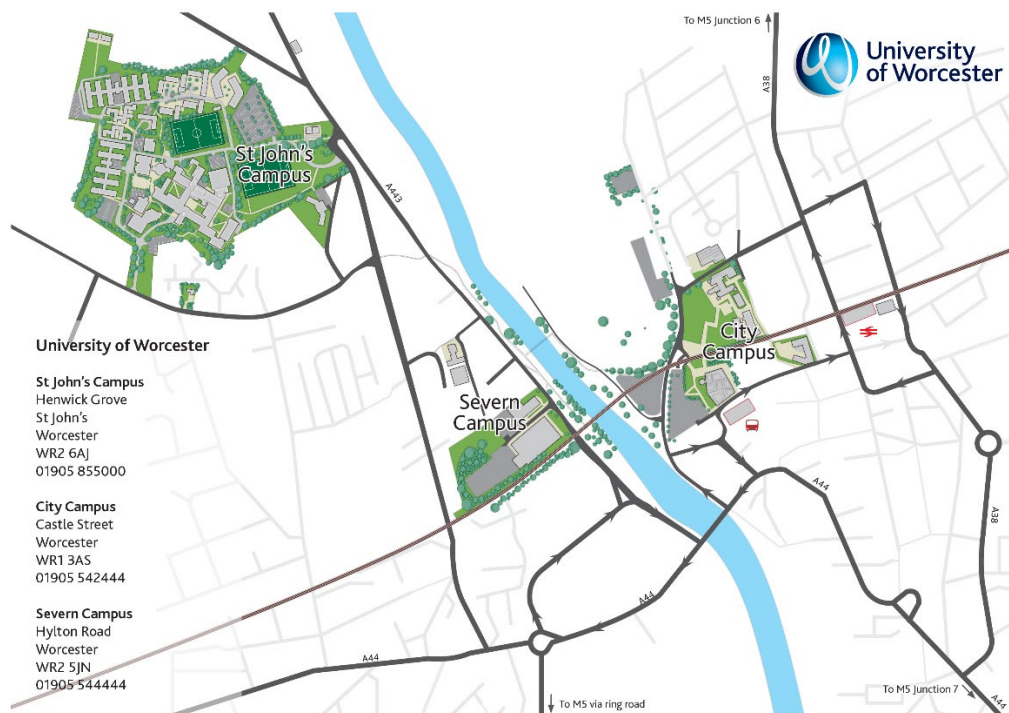
First Bus services 31, 31A, and U1 connect the St John's Campus to the City Centre Bus Station and City Campus. On the St John's Campus, the bus stops are located outside the Students' Union building and near the Severn gate entrance. More information about tickets, timetables, and student discounts can be found on the [First Bus website](#).

[Network West Midlands](#) helps you plan your journey and find out when the next bus service will be arriving at the University of Worcester.

[National Express Coaches](#) serve the city of Worcester, arriving into Worcester Bus Station which is situated in the Crowngate Shopping Centre in the City Centre

By Foot

If arriving by train and you have the time, the walk from Worcester Foregate Street station to the St John's Campus takes approximately 25 to 30 minutes. To help find your way you can download a [directional map](#).



By Taxi

5 minutes from Worcester Foregate Street and 10 minutes from Worcester Shrub Hill by taxi.

Worcester Cabs - worcestercabs@gmail.com; 01905 700750
City Taxis Worcester - info@city-taxis.net; 01905 726726

Nearby Facilities

Accommodation

Premier Inn Worcester City Centre

County Ground, New Road, Worcester WR2 4RL

T: 0333 321 9327

Website: [Premier Inn Worcester City Centre](#)

Travelodge Worcester

Cathedral Plaza, 3 High Street, Worcester WR1 2QS

T: 08719 846277; 0800 640 3518

Website: [Travelodge Worcester](#)

Restaurants and Pubs

The Himalayan

Cuisine: Indian/Nepalese

5A St Johns, Worcester WR2 5AE

Contact: 01905 422228

Email: info@thehimalayanrestaurant.co.uk

Website: [The Himalayan Restaurant](#)

ASK Italian – Worcester

Cuisine: Italian

2 High Street, Cathedral Square, Worcester WR1 2QE

Contact: 01905 22730

Website: [ASK Italian Worcester](#)

Zizzi – Worcester

Cuisine: Italian

Address: 106 High Street, Worcester WR1 2HW

Contact: 01905 936865

Website: [Zizzi Worcester](#)

All Bar One – Worcester

Unit A3, 8 Cathedral Square, Worcester WR1 2LU

Contact: 01905 677863

Pharmacies

The Halt Pharmacy

1A Ingles Drive, Henwick Halt, Worcester WR2 5HL

T: 01905 422003

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18–20 St Johns, Worcester WR2 5AH

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