

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

Peter Le Marchant



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Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust first launched in January 2019 with the aim to make a positive impact on the local community it operates within. The Charitable Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 per annum and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including the Peter Le Marchant Trust. The Trust was the first canal boat charity to be established in the UK, specifically with an aspiration to provide canal boat experiences for elderly people and those living with disabilities or a chronic or long-term illness.

After over 40 years of successful operation and service to over 200,000, the Peter Le Marchant Trust now deploys three disability friendly and accessible canal boats.

Canal boat trips are both relaxing and therapeutic, making passengers more aware of the present. Some people now call this awareness 'mindfulness'; positively changing the way one feels about life and how to approach challenges.

Due to high and increasing demands for its services, the boating season now operates seven days a week between March and October (plus Christmas) and carries nearly 6000 passengers a year on holidays and day trips.

A dedicated and hardworking team of over 100 volunteers work throughout the season; supporting passengers and their carers.

Tim Marren, Chief Executive at Peter Le Marchant Trust, said: *“The funds from Intelligent Energy went to support our annual Maintenance Programme. Each year our three boats and mooring/support facilities are upgraded, maintained and improved by our band of committed and hardworking volunteers. The total amount of money for the project was £2,500. Specifically, the work included:*

- *Work on the engines – including overhaul and maintenance*
- *Body work maintenance to ensure our boats are seaworthy*
- *Work/maintenance on our disabled lifts*
- *Electrical upgrades to ensure our boats efficiently run*
- *Maintenance and repair work on our moorings.”*

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