

The origins of Waterway Recovery Group (North West) go back about 50 years - to the formation of a working party by the Peak Forest Canal Society in the early 60's. In the 70's, the working party started to travel to help with other restoration projects, finally morphing into WRG (NW) in 1977. Since then, though mostly working within a 100 mile radius of Manchester, it has travelled to sites as far apart as Falkirk, Chichester, Oswestry and Grantham.



Although some income comes from the sales stand, most of the group's funds are raised by collecting waste paper in North Manchester. 'Paperchases' take place about every 5 weeks, starting about 09:30 and finishing about 14:30 after a (subsidised) fish and chip lunch. If convenient, they can also be a good way of getting to know a few of the regulars before going on a dig.



Working weekends, known as 'Digs', take place most months, the exceptions being two or three in the summer when the sales stand is taken to canal-related festivals to raise funds and publicise WRG (NW)'s work. For non-local digs, accommodation (fairly basic) and minibus transport from Manchester are free, though food (Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch, inclusive) is charged at £2 per meal.



### Weekend digs 2016

24-25 September – Lichfield Canal  
15-16 October – Montgomery Canal  
3-4 December – Cromford Canal

### Paperchase dates 2016

3 September, 8 October,  
12 November, 17 December

The paperchase takes place in Crumpsall, North Manchester. We meet at The Cleveland Hotel (M8 5SR) from around 9 am. Everyone over 18 is welcome to join us.

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