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STANDEDGE GOES 'SPOOKTACULAR' THIS HALLOWEEN

With half term fast approaching Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre is preparing itself for a busy week as it gets its spooky ghoul-filled Halloween trips ready.

For those that can hold their nerve there will be a chance to venture into the highest, longest, deepest and 'eerie' canal tunnel in the country, for a bone tingling quest to find ghosts, ghouls and all things creepy.

Britain's canal network was built by hand more than 200 years ago; the blood, sweat and tears of countless hours work, as well as many more grizzly incidents, have left their ghostly mark on the waterways.

James Dean, visitor services manager for Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre, said: "Halloween's one of our most popular times of year as our visitors love a trip into the tunnel to enjoy the spooky atmosphere. Our expert guides are great at telling stories about the tunnel's history which keep everyone on the edge of their seats. We always look to put on some family friendly events during the school holidays to keep the kids entertained so it's a perfect way to keep them occupied during half term."

The spooky trips will be running between Saturday 22 and Sunday 30 October. Kids will also be able to take part in a fun and interactive Halloween trail around the Standedge site.

During the second half term weekend a craft fair will be held in the visitor centre, giving local artists the opportunity to display their arts and crafts. Visitors can treat themselves between 10-4pm; free entry.

For all the latest event information, booking and prices, visit the Standedge website at www.standedge.co.uk or telephone 01484 844298.

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Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre – for more information visit www.standedge.co.uk.

Guided boat trips into the tunnel last around 30 minutes and run 11.00am - 3.00pm on the hour weekdays and 10.00am - 4.00pm on the hour weekends. Admission to the visitor centre is free.

British Waterways cares for the nation's 200-year old network of canals, rivers and docks, which attract over 13 million people each year for walking, cycling, angling, boating or simply the peace and quiet. In April 2012, waterways in England and Wales will leave state control to become the Canal & River Trust in England and Glandwr Cymru in Wales. This exciting new charity will attract new investment and give local people a greater role in how their waterways are run.

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