

# Ideal location for canal or river boats

PHIL PICKIN VISITS A PLEASANT OASIS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE & WORCESTERSHIRE CANAL AND THE RIVER SEVERN

## *Stourport Marina*

If you've ever been to visit Stourport Marina you'll know that finding it can be a something of a challenge as it's tucked away behind a none too glamorous industrial estate just outside

Stourport. But to be put off visiting would be to miss out on what is likely to become a very pleasant 'oasis', as they guys there put it. To be honest the place has been left to get a bit rundown, that was until around 18 months ago when it was bought by Tingdene Marinas. Since that time the marina has embarked on something of a regeneration. Behind the scenes a lot of work has begun most of which is in the infrastructure. For example much of the electrical system has been brought up to date and now fully conforms to all current legislation. Plans are also in place for this work to continue on an ongoing basis so it looks like the marina is on the way up.

The narrow boat mooring area.



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on the look out for more stock.

Wide beam, narrow beam and coastal craft are all moored in the 130-berth marina which provides an interesting mix, but they do try to keep the narrow boats in an area all to themselves. The marina also has a sizable clubhouse and anyone using the marina has access to this facility that is said to offer very high quality meals and good entertainment.

### **River access**

Close to the access to the Severn is the boatyard with a good-sized slip, craneage, servicing, chandlery and diesel as well as pump out and mains hook-ups. There is also a launderette, and what would seem to be plenty of hard standing as well as a good-sized car park. The brokerage, as was mentioned earlier, is busy with many sales enquiries coming in

Boats of all types.



### **Ideal location**

Stourport Marina isn't the biggest marina you'll find but it's nicely tucked away a few moments sailing from the award winning Stourport basin and access to the canal system. This makes it ideally placed to offer both river and canal cruising waters, and as a result both types of boats are moored and offered for sale. Having said "offered for sale", at the time of visiting the books were a little depleted as they'd recently sold a good number of boats and so were



from Boat24 and one or two other online listings websites as well as their own website. The result has meant that a large number of boats have been sold. Moorings are transferable and the guys at Stourport try to encourage new owners to stay in the marina if possible, and when you look at it's location it would seem to be a good idea.

With close links to the motorway system, easy access to much of the waterways system, an entrance onto the Severn, major towns



**Stourport Marina's Clubhouse.**

and cities close by and high profile tourist sites like Stratford and Warwickshire also close to hand, there is a lot going for a location like this. Stourport basin has also

undergone a lot of work, which has not only resulted in awards but also a very pleasant environment to visit with easy access to the shops in the town centre.

**Investment**

It's easy to see why Tingdene were only too happy for the marina to come under their wing, and with continued hard work and investment in the fabric of the marina the result should be the waterside oasis they've been aiming to create. Don't be put off by the buildings and businesses you see on your approach to the main gates. If you are you might well miss out.



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