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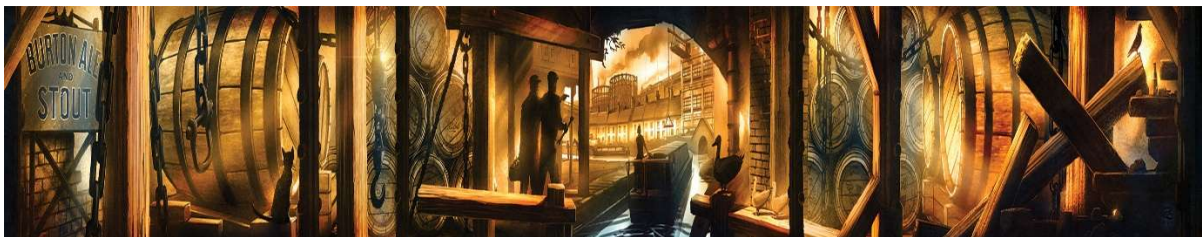
#### **Refurbished Murals Unveiled at Dallow Lock, Burton on Trent**

Shobnall Parish Council is delighted to announce the completion and unveiling of the newly refurbished murals located at Dallow Lock.

Originally created in 2006, the murals have long stood as a vibrant celebration of our local heritage, creativity and community spirit. Over time, weathering and wear had dulled their colours and obscured the details. Thanks to the artist, Matt Reeves who created the original murals, the murals have now been lovingly recreated.

#### **A Tribute to Local Identity**

The refurbished murals feature iconic scenes and symbols from Shobnall's past and present, including the canal and Burton's brewing history.



**Matt Reeves** said “I was delighted and pleasantly surprised to receive a request from Shobnall Parish Council to renew the murals at Dallow Lock.

I really can't believe that we first installed the original artwork there all the way back in 2006....

A great deal of water has flowed under the bridge of life and through Dallow Lock in the last 19 years!!

Keen observers will spot there have been lots of subtle changes to the original subject matter. The colour palette has also been boosted to give the artwork more punch.....There's a whole new section on the smaller mural where an intrepid lady bargee guides her boat through the locks into the heart of a nearby industrial metropolis.....maybe delivering Burton's finest ale to Birmingham??

Interestingly, the old murals remain preserved under the new ones so we've also managed to create a bit of a historical time capsule for future generations too!!

I'm so grateful to the Council members both for their patience and faith in me as an artist. I sincerely hope that we've managed to update and revitalise two epic pieces of community art which have become a well-loved landmark for the canal users and locals going through Dallow Lock.

Long may they continue to brighten up the area!!”

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