



A party of 28 members visited Anderton Boat Lift & Lion Salt Works on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

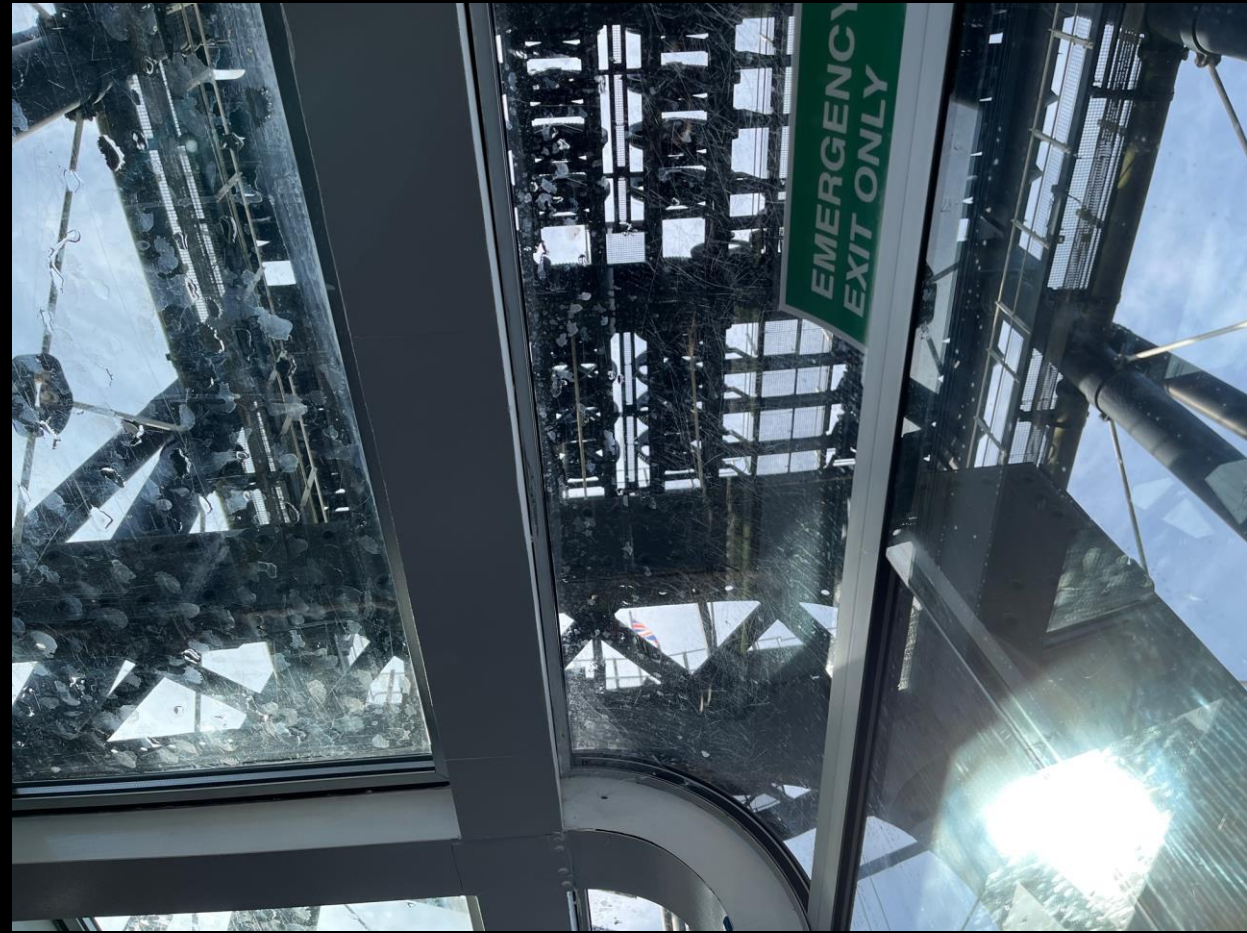
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The boat lift was formally opened 26th July 1875 as a response to the costly problem of transshipping goods between the River Weaver and the Trent & Mersey Canal









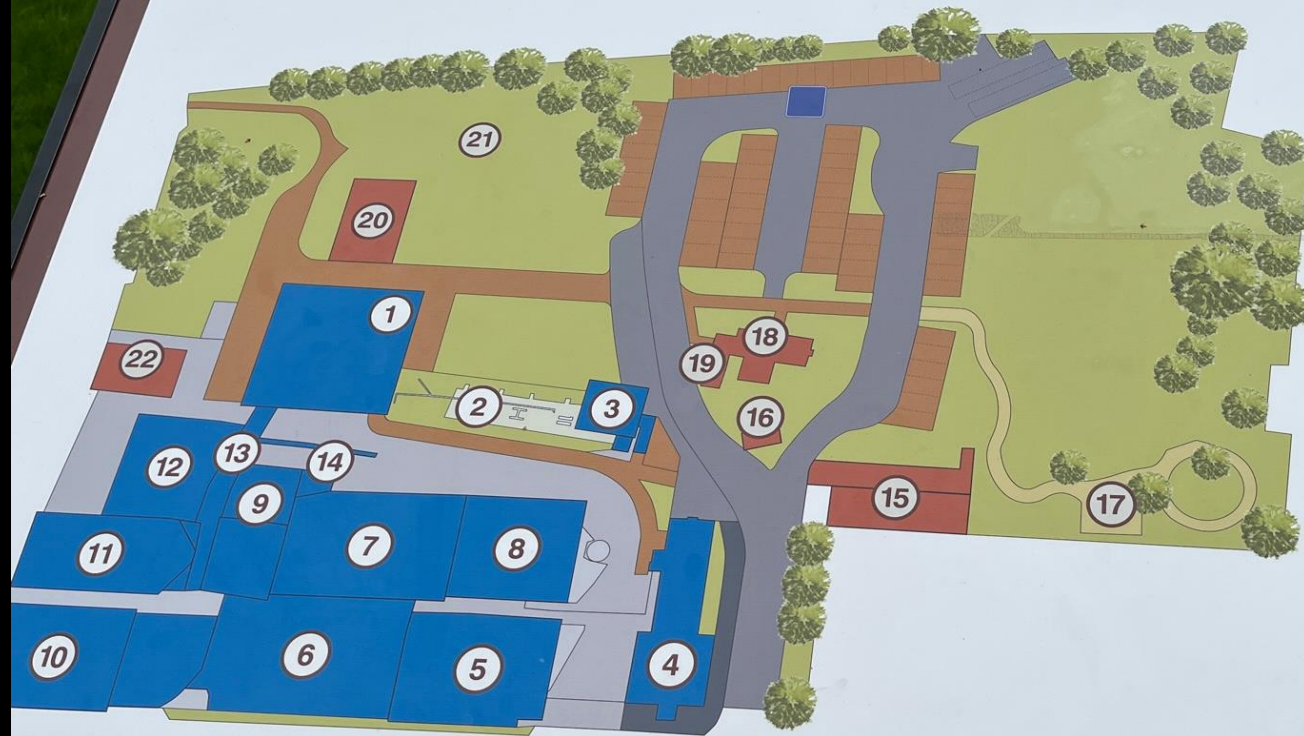
The group boarded the Edwin Clark at the top of the lift before descending to the River Weaver for a cruise towards Northwich





New shopping centre buildings viewed from the river at Northwich as the boat turned for its journey back to Anderton

Lion Salt Works



- ① Entrance
(Shop, Café and Toilets, Conference Suite)
 - ② Brine Train
 - ③ Pump House
 - ④ Red Lion Galleries
(Learning Suite and Meeting Room)
 - ⑤ Boiling Pan Experience
 - ⑥ Making Salt
 - ⑦ The Working Site
 - ⑧ Unrestored Pan 4
 - ⑨ The Restoration Story
 - ⑩ Pan 1 Garden
 - ⑪ Landscape Story
 - ⑫ Mechanised Pan 2
 - ⑬ The Bridge
 - ⑭ Loading Bay
- OUTSIDE PAY BOUNDARY
- ⑮ Smithy
 - ⑯ Salt Wagon
 - ⑰ Butterfly Garden
 - ⑱ Manager's Office
 - ⑲ Boiler House
 - ⑳ Pan 5
 - ㉑ Play Area
 - ㉒ Engine House + Brine Tank



LION
SALT
WORKS

WEST CHESHIRE
MUSEUMS

A short coach ride to the Lion Salt Works which is now a museum



The works were owned by the Thompson Family and operated from 1842 until closure in 1986.



Our guide shows the remains of a salt pan used for evaporating brine, extracted from the ground via a bore hole



The manager's office. Note the metal frame to allow easy repairs in the event of subsidence in both buildings



Where the blacksmith worked. No sign of modern day Health & Safety







The manager's office equipment brought back a few memories of accounting machines before the days of spreadsheets and calculators.



An impressive audio visual display highlighting the tough working conditions experienced. Early death from breathing salt was common.