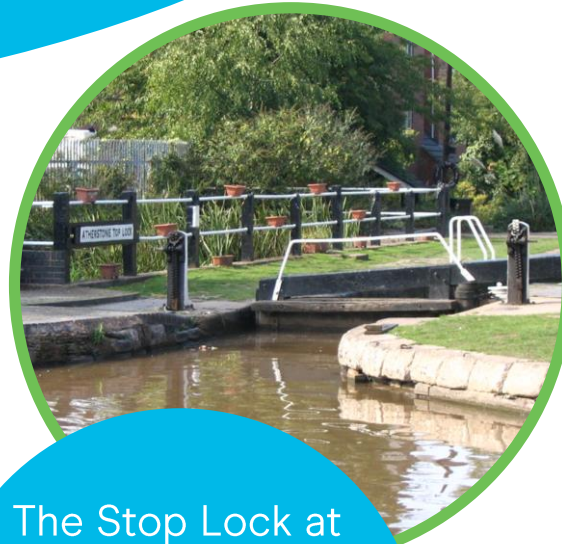


Where does the water come from?

The water at the top of the flight of 11 locks at Atherstone on the Coventry Canal, comes mainly from the Oxford Canal, which is higher than the Coventry Canal.

Feeders (diverted streams) bring smaller amounts of rainwater into the system, but if it is very dry, they may not flow at all.

Water is also pumped up from Griff Brook. Pumping is expensive, so water from reservoirs and feeders is used whenever possible.



The Stop Lock at Hawkesbury Junction and the Sutton Stop Valve allow water into the Coventry Canal from the Oxford Canal

Water coming from the Oxford Canal comes from the River Swift near Rugby and reservoirs in Northamptonshire



Merevale feeder is on the west side of the canal between locks 7 and 8

The Hartshill, Mancetter and Rawnhill feeders

The Griff Pumping Station may pump 400 million litres in a typical year

Wem Brook Feeder

Atherstone Top Lock uses 124,000 litres of water. It's used about 5,500 times a year