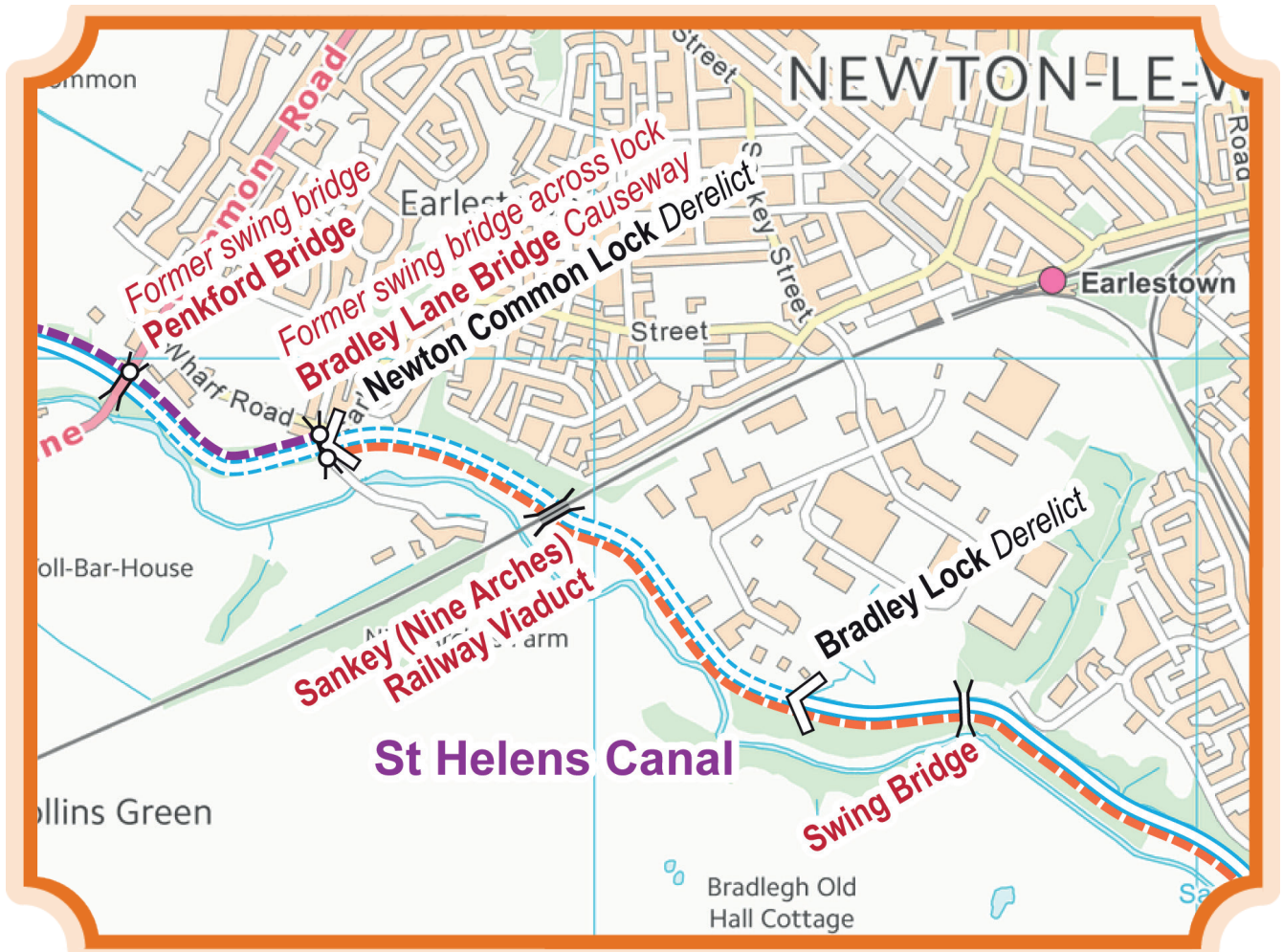




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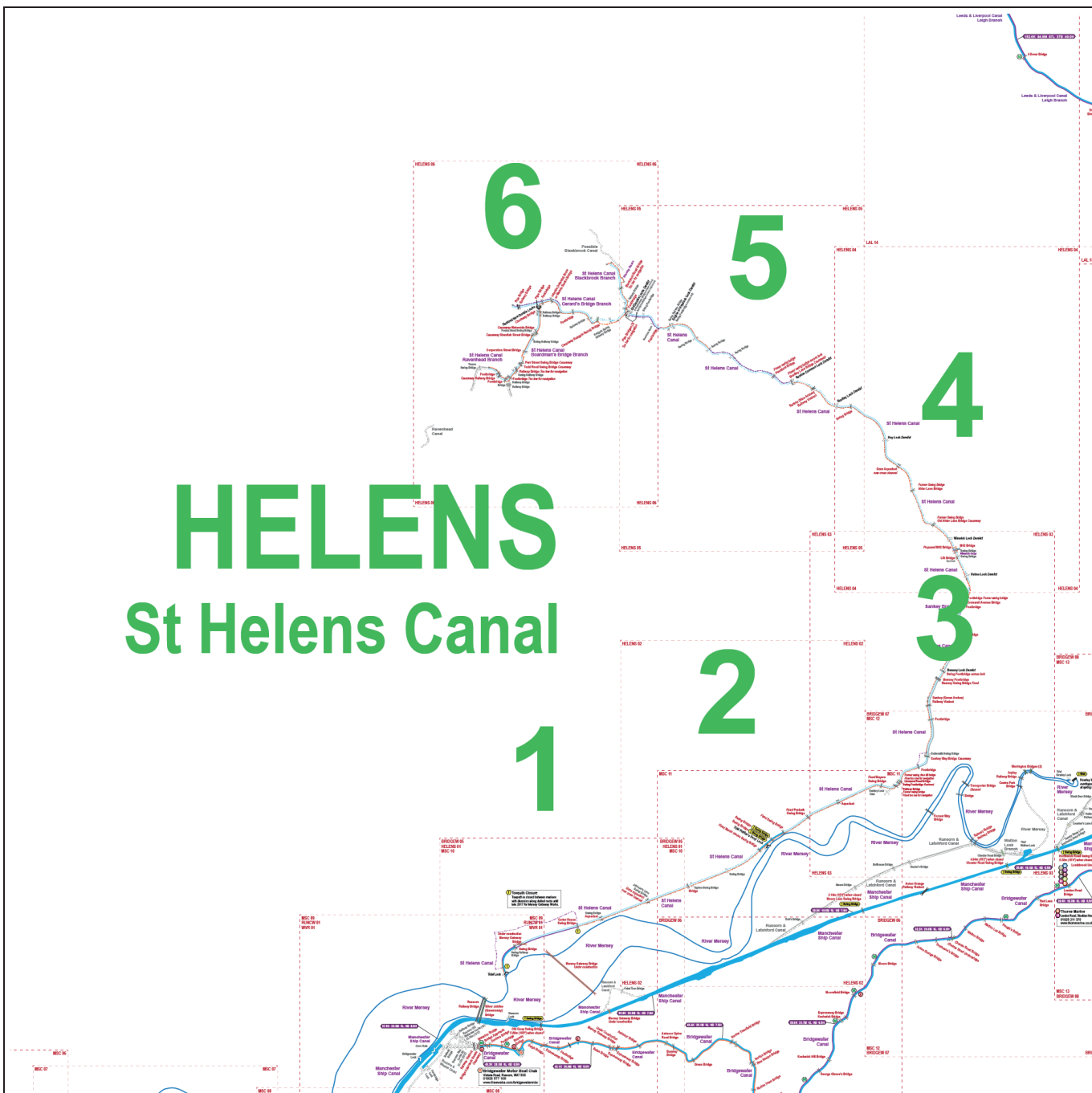
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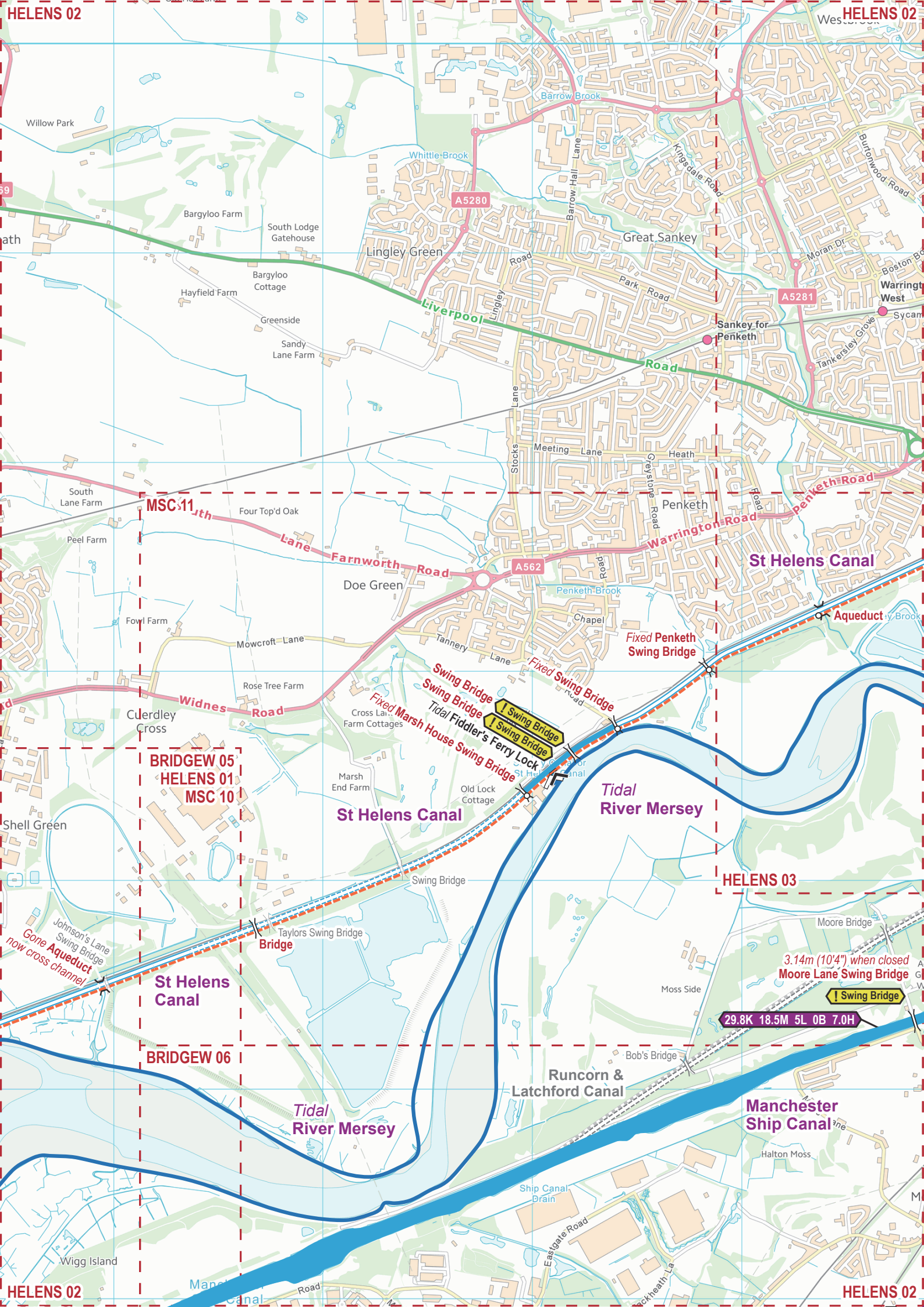
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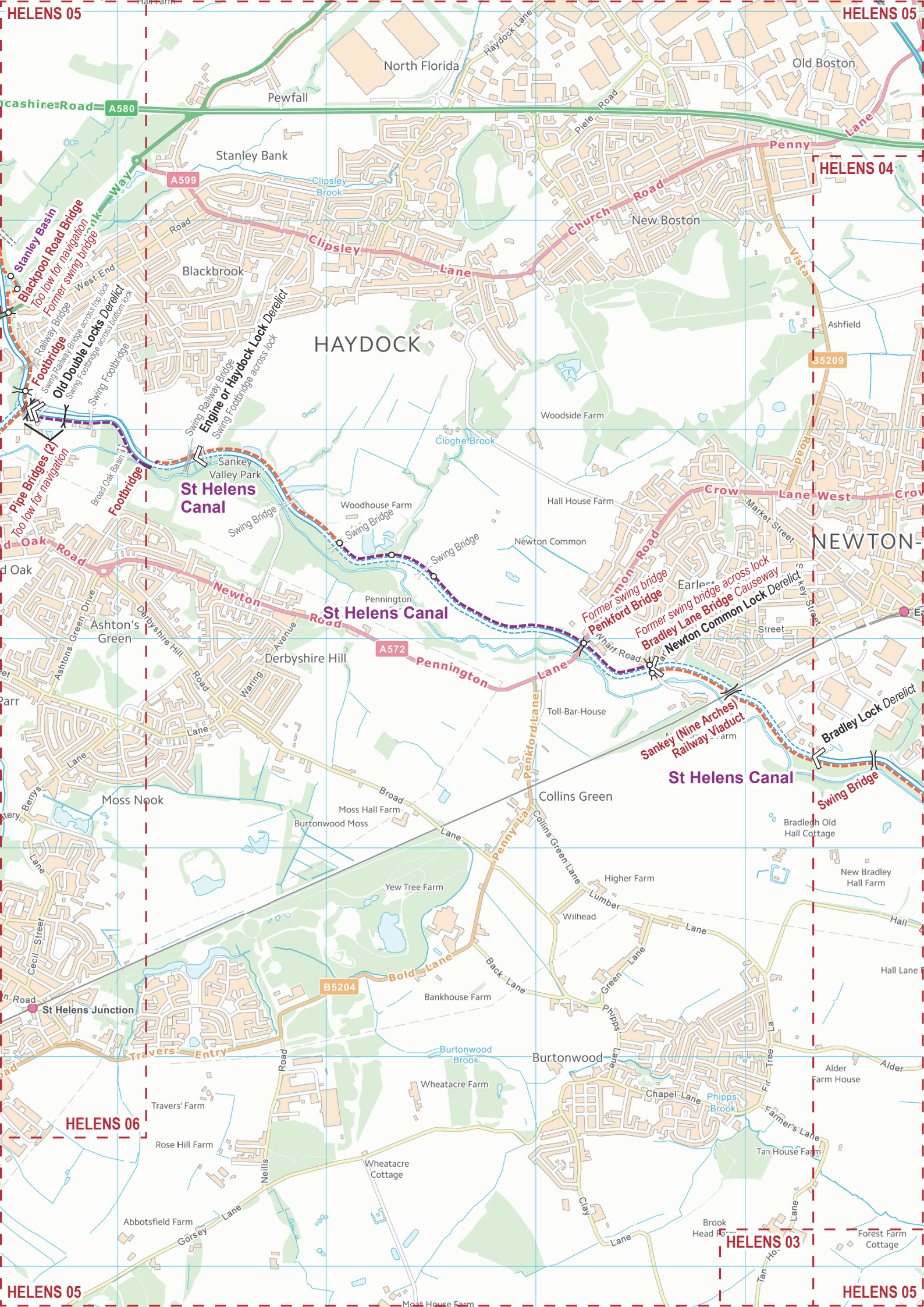
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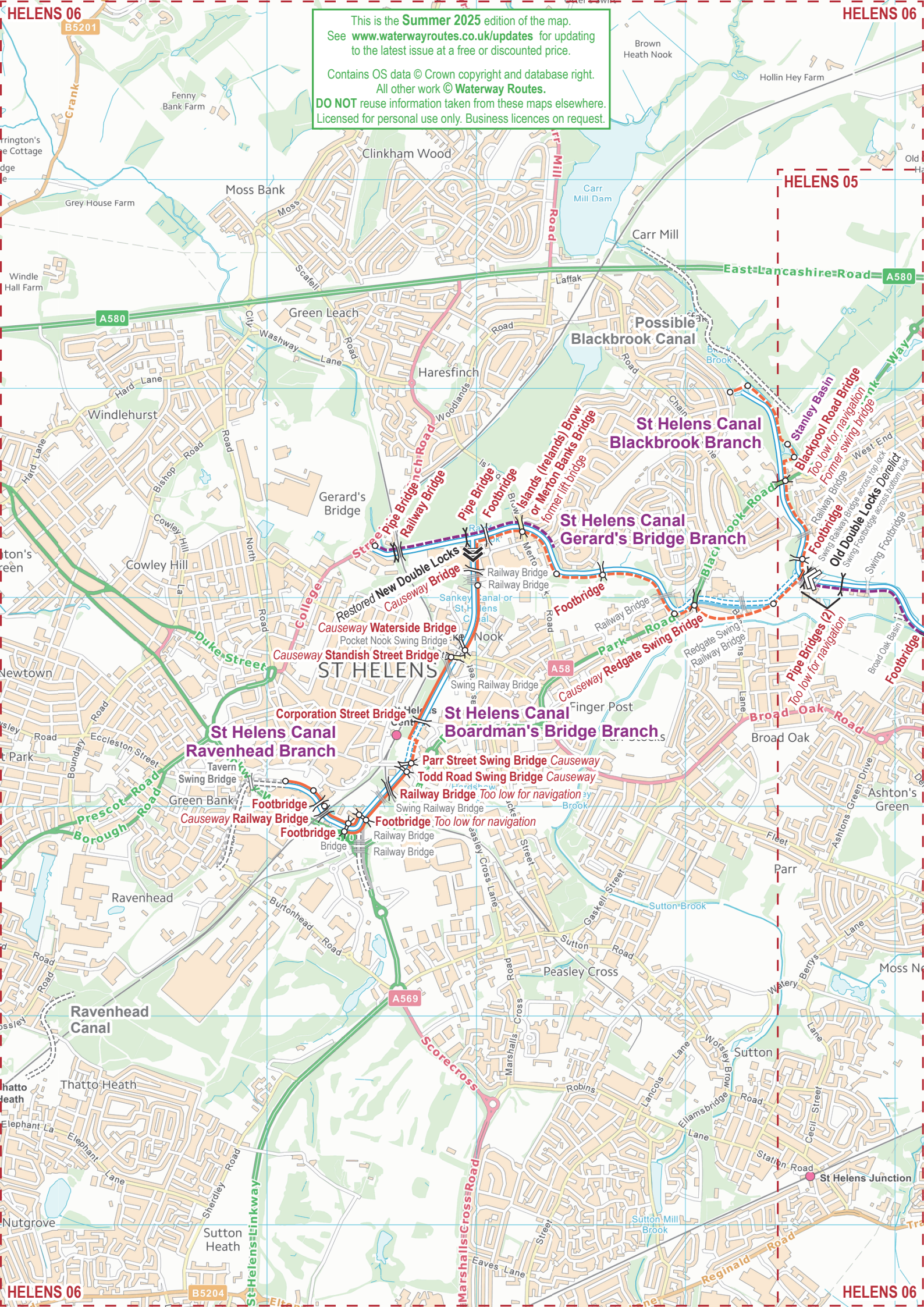
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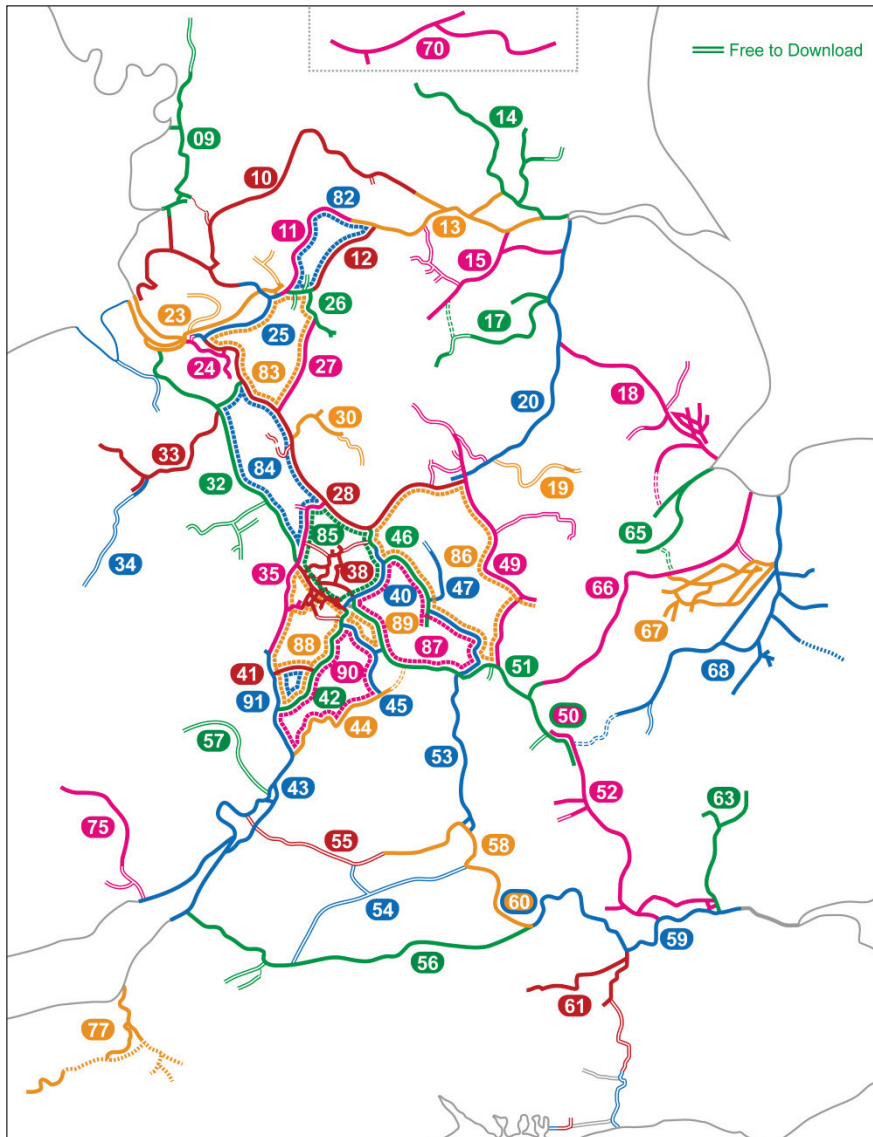


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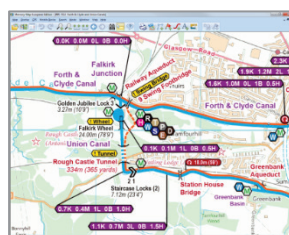
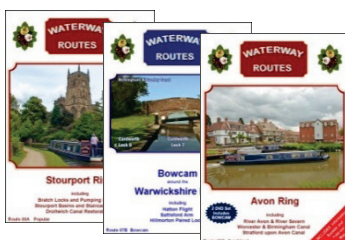
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Waterway Information

Note that most of the St Helens Canal is derelict and these figures refer to the dimensions when it was in use.

Waterway	Section	Maximum Length	Maximum Width	Speed Limit	Navigation Authority
St Helens Canal	Widnes Lock	22.86m (75'0")	6.10m (20'0")	NA	
	All (except Widnes Lock)	20.73m (68'0")	5.11m (16'9")	NA	

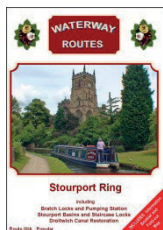
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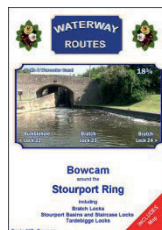
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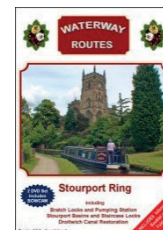
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WATER

	Navigable - Tidal
	Navigable - River
	Navigable - Canal
	Navigable - Canal in Tunnel
	Un-navigable - Abandoned - Dry
	Un-navigable - Abandoned - Wet
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TOWPATH

	Walkable Towpath (alongside waterway)
	Walkable Towpath in Tunnel
	Walkable Other Path (where no towpath)
	Walkable Linking Path (elsewhere)
	Cyclable Towpath (alongside waterway)
	Cyclable Towpath in Tunnel
	Cyclable Other Path (where no towpath)
	Cyclable Linking Path (elsewhere)
	Un-walkable Towpath - Abandoned
	Un-walkable Towpath in Tunnel - Abandoned
	Un-walkable Towpath - Restoration Proposed
	Un-walkable Towpath in Tunnel - Restoration Proposed
	Un-walkable Towpath - Proposed New or Under Construction
	Un-walkable Towpath in Tunnel - Proposed New or Under Construction

LOCKS etc.

	Navigable Lock (H means handspike required, L means lengthened)
	Navigable Lock (circle indicates control side)
	Navigable Lock (with tail bridge)
	Navigable Lock (paired)
	Navigable Lock (staircase)
	Un-navigable Lock - Abandoned
	Un-navigable Lock - Restoration Proposed
	Un-navigable Lock - Proposed New
	Guillotine Gate (on detailed insets)
	Guillotine Gate (circle indicates control side on detailed insets)
	Weir
	Inclined Plane - Abandoned

BRIDGES etc.

	Bridge - Existing
	Bridge - Removed
	Bridge - Proposed New
	Bridge - Towpath
	Pipe Bridge
	Tunnel
	Aqueduct
	Building (over canal)

OTHER

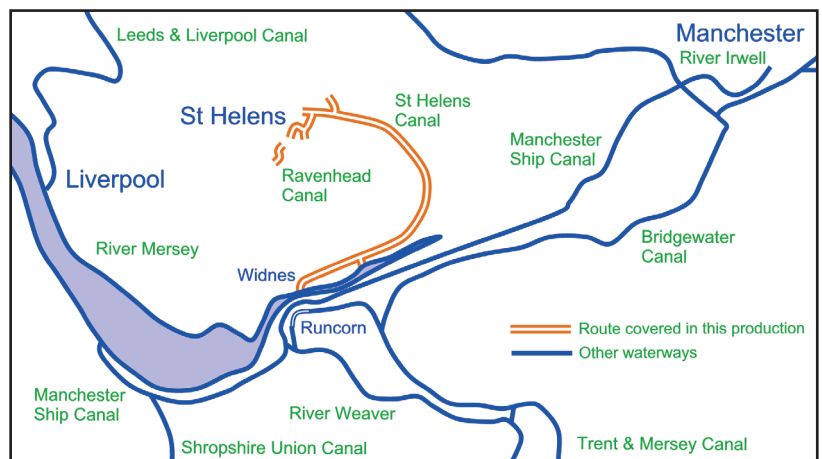
	Ferry Wires (may require lowering for navigation)
	Access Point (to towpath)
	Point of Interest

NOTES

1. It is the colour of the symbol (not the text) which identifies Existing (black) / Abandoned (grey) / New (red)
2. Services at Boatyards and Marinas will usually require payment. They may be discounted or free for residents and some may only be available to residents. Contact them for details.
3. The number of hours cruising time cannot be precise and should only be used for an indication of journey time. No allowance is made for queuing for locks, which may happen, especially in the summer. No allowance is made for stops for water, shopping, meals, etc. Travelling upstream on a river or the Llangollen Canal will be slower, while travelling downstream may be a little quicker.

SYMBOLS

	Winding Point (full length for navigation unless marked)
	No Winding / No Acute Angle Turn (use next winding point and return)
	Boatyard or Marina - Business
	Boatyard or Marina - Trust / Society
	Chandlery
	Diesel
	Elsan Emptying
	Gas - Calor
	Gas - Not Calor
	Hire Base - Weekly / Weekend
	Hire Base - Day
	Pump Out
	Refuse Disposal
	Recycling Point
	Shower
	Toilet
	Water
	Information (see message box)
	Navigation Advice (see message box)
	Navigation Advice (see symbol text)
	Mooring - Signed - Maximum 14 days
	Mooring - Maximum days as specified
	Mooring - Maximum hours as specified
	Mooring Area Limits (see message box)
	Moorings in designated Mooring Area - Maximum days in summer (winter in brackets)
	Mooring designated for disabled boaters
	Mooring with payment required
	Mooring for patrons (of pub, restaurant etc.)
	Mooring Overnight Only
	Mooring only with lock keeper's permission
	Mooring for members of Friends of the River Nene only (on River Nene)
	Mooring for members of Great Ouse Boating Association only (on River Great Ouse and tributaries)
	Mooring - Unsigned but appears suitable - Maximum 14 days
	Mooring - Unsigned but appears suitable - Maximum time as specified
	Speed Limit (miles per hour and kilometres per hour) applicable to side of sign shown
	Information based on a zero point (which is usually at one end of the waterway) K = Kilometres from the zero point M = Miles from the zero point L = Number of Locks from zero point B = Number of Bridges which are moveable (lift, swing etc.) from zero point (normally left closed and low enough to require opening for a narrow boat) H = Number of hours cruising from zero point
	Additional
	Scale: Light blue Ordnance Survey grid lines are 1km squares (approximately 2/3 mile)



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