



The Future Flower is a landmark public art piece created as part of the Widnes Waterfront Programme. Designed by award winning architects Tonkin Liu, the 14 metre high galvanised steel structure moves gently in the wind transferring wind energy into light.

Flower Facts and Figures

- ✦ The Future Flower stands 14m above ground and is 4.5m wide
- ✦ It is made of 120 perforated galvanised steel petals
- ✦ There are 60 low voltage red LEDs located within the steel frame
- ✦ The LEDs are powered by the 3 wind turbines located on the stem
- ✦ The Flower starts to produce light with winds of 7mph. The maximum light intensity is reached at winds of 14mph.



How to find the Future Flower

The Future Flower is located on Widnes Warth Nature Reserve, within the Widnes Waterfront regeneration area on the north bank of the River Mersey.

It can be seen close up from the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT). Over the past few years the Council and its partners have improved the TPT towpath along the Sankey Canal by installing bird screens, interpretation boards and constructing a raised metal walkway stretching out over Widnes Warth. The Future Flower can be found next to this raised walkway.

Access can be gained along the TPT from Fiddlers Ferry Marina to the east (2 miles) and Spike Island (1.3 miles) and Carter House Bridge (0.3 miles) to the West.

From Spike Island: Ample parking is available at Spike Island, an area of open space offering a visitor's centre, children's play area, picnic area and the Catalyst Science Museum. Access is from Mersey Road, just off Waterloo Road, Widnes (sat nav WA8 0DF). Once in Widnes, follow the signs for Widnes South and then for the Catalyst Museum.

On foot from Spike Island (1.3 miles) - From the car park cross over the canal and follow the footpath along the edge of the River Mersey. Continue along the footpath, following signs for the TPT, ensuring the canal remains on your left hand side. The Flower is 0.3 miles past Carter House Swing Bridge.

From Tan House Lane: A small amount of on-street parking is available on Tan House Lane, Widnes, (sat nav WA8 0US).

On foot from Tan House Lane (0.5 miles) - Walk down Tan House Lane, cross over the railway track and Carter House Swing Bridge (over the Sankey Canal) and turn left along the TPT. Continue along the TPT for 0.3 miles to reach the Flower.

The nearest railway station is **Widnes Station**, which is a 2.3 mile walk from the Future Flower site.

For public transport enquiries please contact The Neighbourhood Travel Team on **0800 19 53 173** or visit www.halton.gov.uk/transport

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