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Children's hand-crafted flotilla sets sail on Lancaster Canal's 200th birthday

TWO hundred years to the day since the Lancaster Canal officially opened, school children found a novel way to celebrate the milestone birthday.

They set afloat a flotilla of hand-crafted boats made from natural materials such as twigs, wood and leaves scavenged from the grounds of Holme Community School.

The youngsters sang "Happy Birthday" to the canal as they floated their craft on the scenic stretch of waterway behind their school.

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● Holme Community School pupils Oliver Capstick and Scarlet MacDonald with one of the handmade boats (Picture: Jon Granger)



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Win a meeting with pop star



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"If we extend it all the way to the south coast, Londoners won't have an excuse to buy second homes here."

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Legacies ease housing crisis

● Generous bequests help young people to afford homes in Lakes

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A HOST of generous property legacies are helping to tackle the acute shortage of affordable

homes in the Lake District.

Thanks to a series of heart-warming gestures, which have seen a string of high value properties left to The Lakeland Housing Trust, young families

have been able to stay in the area and small Lake District towns and villages have been given a new vibrancy.

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Fern Cottage, Clappersgate, which was bequeathed to the Lakeland Housing Trust by James Spedding



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