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Thistle Dubh - Traditional Stern Narrowboat

Price: £39,995

Key Features

Location:	Tattenhall Marina
Berths:	2+2
Length & Type:	40ft Narrowboat
Year:	1997

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Description

Thistle Dubh is a charming 40ft traditional stern narrowboat dating from 1997 and offering comfortable accommodation for two, with the option to sleep two additional guests. Following extensive refurbishment during 2026, including a full professional internal refit completed in July, she presents as a fresh and welcoming boat that is ready for her new owners to enjoy.

Significant work has also been undertaken beneath the waterline and mechanically. The hull has undergone refurbishment, followed by the application of Jotun two-pack epoxy coating and the fitting of new anodes. Her BMC 1.5 engine has also been overhauled, including the fitting of a new cylinder head and a full service in July 2026. A survey was carried out on 30 June 2026, with all recommendations subsequently completed. While the exterior would benefit from some cosmetic tidying and painting, the extensive recent work makes Thistle Dubh an appealing proposition for anyone looking for a compact narrowboat with a newly refurbished interior.

At the stern, the utility area provides access to the boat's controls and essential systems. It incorporates the Morse controller and electrical control panel, while removable cover boards provide access to the engine beneath. There is also ample storage for cruising equipment and other essentials, helping to keep practical items neatly organised and readily accessible.

The bedroom has been designed to make excellent use of the available space and features a full-size double bed for comfortable overnight accommodation. The bed is mounted on gas struts, allowing it to be lifted easily for access to the generous storage space beneath. A custom-made wardrobe with a bespoke roll-up cover provides convenient hanging space, while additional shelving offers further storage for clothing and personal belongings.

The bathroom has a fresh, practical finish and is fully lined with white waterproof panels for easy maintenance. It features a separate shower cubicle with a shower curtain and a thermostatic mixer shower. A brand-new Porta Potti cassette toilet completes the facilities and provides a straightforward and convenient solution for cruising.

The galley has been thoughtfully refitted to provide a practical and attractive space for preparing meals on board. Solid wood worktops complement the Butler-style ceramic sink, which is fitted with chrome mixer taps, while a four-burner gas hob provides the main cooking facilities. A Waeco 12-volt fridge is also provided, along with a brand-new Ferroli Eco 11 LPG water heater installed in July 2026. A good selection of cupboards and drawers provides ample storage for cookware, provisions and everyday essentials. A wall-mounted drop-down table with two stools creates a convenient dining area without taking up valuable floor space when it is not required.

Positioned at the bow, the saloon provides a comfortable and inviting space in which to relax. A three-seater sofa offers generous seating during the day and converts into an occasional double bed, allowing Thistle Dubh to accommodate visiting guests when required. A solid fuel stove creates a cosy focal point and provides cabin heating, while a custom-made floating media unit houses a 32-inch JVC television. Glazed double doors lead directly onto the cratch-covered well deck, helping to bring plenty of natural light into the living space and creating an easy connection between the interior and exterior of the boat.

The forward well deck provides a pleasant outdoor area from which to enjoy the waterways and is protected by a full cratch cover that was renewed in 2023. Lockers and seating are positioned to either side, providing useful additional storage while creating somewhere to sit outside when moored. The glazed doors leading back into the saloon help make the well deck feel like a natural extension of the main living area.

Thistle Dubh is powered by a BMC 1.5 diesel engine coupled to a PRM Delta hydraulic gearbox. The engine underwent refurbishment in July 2026, including the installation of a new cylinder head and a full service. Engine hours are unknown.

With her professionally refurbished interior, recent hull works, engine overhaul, solar installation and survey recommendations completed, Thistle Dubh offers an attractive opportunity for someone looking for a manageable and characterful traditional narrowboat. Her exterior leaves scope for a new owner to add their own finishing touches, while the extensive recent work to the interior, hull and engine provides an excellent starting point for future adventures on the waterways.

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Additional Specs

- **Length/ Boat Style:** 40ft traditional stern narrowboat
- **Year:** 1997
- **Number of bathrooms:** 1
- **Berths:** 2+2
- **Water Tank Capacity:** 400 litres approx
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** 150 litres approx
- **Hull By/ Fit out by:** Unknown / Keel Boat Services Ltd (full internal refit completed July 2026)
- **Layout stern to bow:** Utility, bedroom, bathroom, galley, saloon, well deck
- **Engine and gearbox:** BMC 1.5 / PRM Delta Hydraulic Gearbox (Engine Refurbished July 2026 Including new head)
- **Engine hours/Last service:** Unknown / July 2026
- **Boat Safety Certificate:** Valid until 05.03.2029
- **Last Blacking & type:** 14.05.2026 - Jotun 2 pack epoxy coating (after hull refurbishment)
- **Hull thickness:** 10:6:4
- **Inspection hatch location:** Weed hatch via trad stern
- **P/out or Cassette:** Cassette
- **Internal cabin height:** 6ft 2in
- **Insulation:** Rockwool
- **Last Survey:** 30.06.2026 - all recommendations completed
- **External Covers:** Full cratch cover to well deck - new in 2023
- **Batteries:** 3 = 2 x Starter, 1 x Domestic
- **Electric Supply:** Engine, Shoreline, Domestic Battery, 330w Solar, MPPT, Victron Energy Phoenix 250w Inverter
- **Galvanic Isolator:** Yes
- **Hot Water Supply:** Ferroli Pegaso 11 litre instant LPF water heater - new in July 2026
- **Cabin Heating:** Autoterm diesel heater, log burner
- **Gas Cylinders No+ type:** 2 x 13kg / propane

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