



DULVERTON  
WEIR & LEAT  
CONSERVATION  
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The Trust recently became aware of a cache of photographs taken inside Dulverton Laundry in the early 1990s. DWLCT contacted the photographer Carlotta Luke who has kindly made her portfolio available to view.

Carlotta comments, "I moved to the UK from New England in December 1990 as an aspiring young photographer, using my camera to help me understand the culture of my adopted home. Although we were based in London, my husband comes from Dulverton, so I was getting to know Somerset as well as London. My father-in-law was the one who first told me about the Dulverton Laundry as he knew of my interest in photographing

industrial settings. (My mother-in-law was Jean Luke, a teacher at Dulverton Middle School). The laundry owner was happy for me to document the business and I ended up visiting the laundry three times over the spring and summer of 1991. I was made to feel very welcome and got a real sense of the camaraderie amongst the staff. I printed about a dozen photographs at the time, but it was not until I was contacted by the Weir

Trust that I looked in depth at what I had. I am glad to have captured a time and place that is now gone, both the laundry itself and the people whose day to day lives were an integral part of it."

Robert Jones Community Engagement Lead and Hon. Trustee of DWLCT says, "I'm sure Dulverton people are going to find this work of immense interest, especially if they worked in the laundry, or knew somebody who worked there, or were a laundry customer."

The Trust is exploring the possibility of organising an exhibition of the photographs later in the year. In the meantime the photographs can be viewed now via the Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust website - [www.dulvertonweir.org.uk](http://www.dulvertonweir.org.uk).



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