

## Operations

### September 2019 Work Party report

#### Health and safety

No reported accidents or near misses

#### Day one: - moving things about



The all-important toilet has now found a new home next to the green hut.





The rest of the week



To give the grass seed a good chance of germinating, the whole of the Whitehouses area was raked over.



After raking it looked like this. Fast growing grass seed was spread by hand. Apparently, the grass type is usually sown on to bowling greens so we are hoping the grass will work some wonders on this lot!



The whole of the offside bank was cleared of everything except for the temporary shelter. All the low areas were filled with spoil from rough excavation beyond bridge 4 towards the car park. This spoil has more loam in it than we usually see it and effectively makes a good topsoil.



All the topsoil was finally distributed and raked by hand before grass seed was sowed.

Here are two happy sowers!

#### Towards the end of the Work party

Most of the work during the week had been to level, topsoil and seed the offside bank and Whitehouses area. Once we had decided that the area was finished as far as machine work was concerned, we started on building up the ramp area and top of the bank in preparation for taking the ramp out. As the spoil was applied to the ramp and bank each layer was compacted by the excavators and dumpers passing over it.



As can be seen in the second picture the spoil was dry and dusty





And this where the spoil was excavated from (Photo Tony Borrill)

Once that was completed, we made some exploratory excavations to establish if the bank would be compacted enough for full excavation.



(Photo Tony Borrill)





The underlying bank was found to be very firm!

So, here it is.....the view from Bridge 4!





The path through the woods that was created a few years ago has been cleared so that the surface won't be muddy in winter.

Most of the materials have been stored on the mooring wall blockwork.

The bank where the ramp was, will be finally profiled and lined next month.



Looking back towards the car park from Bridge 4

And finally

I have occasionally heard from passers by that "there are a load of old fossils laying about in the cut" ..... I did wonder what that was all about ..... until I found this!



To balance that out we had a “young “(for WAT that is) new volunteer join us for a few days. Even better, he was able to take command of an excavator without us having to do any training. We hope he will want to return in October.

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