



Operations Report December 2021

Introduction

Another successful two-week working period. No problems with Covid. The main focus of activity was excavation, laying Bentomat and concrete blocks.

The view from Bridge 4

Two views here, showing progress on both sides!



This section has now been partially flooded to carry out a test to see how well it holds water

Looking the other way, you can see how far the lining and blocking has progressed



These pictures show the 40m of Bentomat, placed on the towpath side last month with the Bentomatic, now have the hollow and solid concrete blocks in place. The volunteers want to know when we are going to invent a block moving and laying machine because this is hard manual work!



Looking back to bridge 4, in the distance

This how the reinforced concrete “sleeping policemen” (“plods”/struts across the bed) are cast in concrete. (These are built to reinforce the bank structure).



And this is how the concrete is mixed: - Good old fashioned hard work, and a good old fashioned concrete mixer!



There is always time for a fashion show of this season's special clothing.

Here the editor of "Transportation Professional magazine" is taking pictures for his piece on the Wendover Canal restoration.



The days are shorter at this time of year, and we were nearly working in the dark when putting this 40m of Bentomat mat on the offside bank. The trees and bushes on the bank top had given us an extra challenge for the Bentomatic.



Rewatering from Bridge 4a to 4

The section hasn't had any water in it for about 100 years and we are carrying out "still" trials where we fill up to a known level, close the water supply, and watch the water level to see how fast it drops. We are also using a special dye in the water to spot any possible leaks.

Tidy Friday

The Tidy Friday Group tasked themselves with planting 300 tree and hedge saplings around the Winding Hole at Little Tring. A challenge they relished!



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December
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Icon?

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