

Wendover Canal Trust – February 2024 Work Party Report

This work party was away from the restoration of the canal at Little Tring and concentrated on the improvements to the compound at Wharf Road in Wendover. Two preparation days on 1st and 2nd started the work party. The main group of volunteer days for February started on 5th for a period of two weeks, finishing on 16th February.

A total of 67 volunteer days during the work party.

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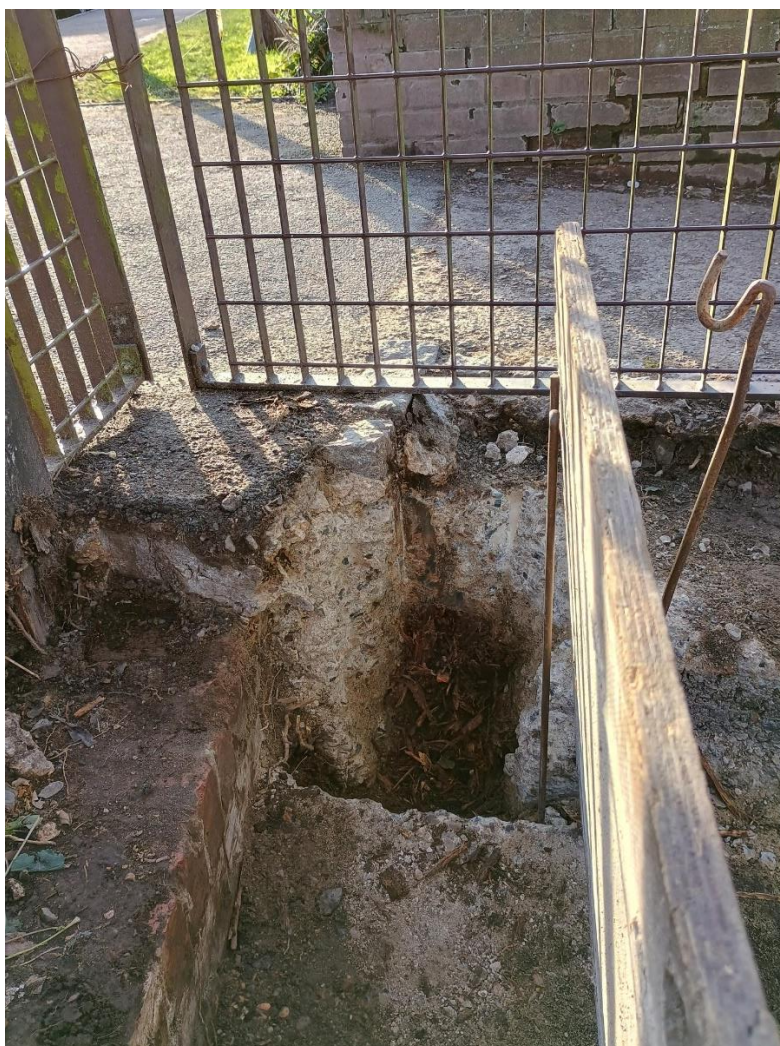
The work site was at Wharf Road and Personal Protective Equipment use was relaxed because there was no overhead working.

There were no health and safety issues during the work party.

Wharf Road.

The wall along Wharf Road was set out and the top of the existing concrete was prepared to receive the brickwork.

One of the original timber posts had to be broken out to be replaced with a new metal post set in concrete. Breaking out the timber post proved very difficult and took both of the preparation days.



Void where the original timber post was removed.

The brick wall along Wharf Road was built but the mortar needs time to cure before the railings can be installed.



Volunteers in front of the new wall at Wharf Road.

The concrete foundations for the wall alongside the towpath and the return at the far end of the compound were cast and the new gate posts were installed.



Gate posts in position.

The vegetation was cleared from the offside of the Wharf Road compound and returned to the site area at Little Tring.



Offside of Wharf Road compound with the vegetation cleared.

Tidy Friday

The remaining trees and hedging whips were planted to fill a gap in the hedge along the towpath at Bridge 4a and to create a hedge along the site fence in the compound at Little Tring. All whips were given a dressing of woodchip mulch.



Trees planted at Bridge 4a.



Hedge along the fence in the compound.

Some overhanging vegetation was cut back from the side of the footpath on the offside at Bridge 4. The arisings were disposed into the gap in the hedge.

Extra day, 21st February.

Wendover Canal Trust volunteers were joined by volunteers from the Chiltern Society and carried out work on the towpath between Stablebridge Road in Aston Clinton and Halton.

The hedge was cut back to the fence line in areas where the towpath is in a wet and muddy condition. The arisings were collected up and placed in gaps in the hedge.



Hedge clearance along the towpath.

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