

Wendover Canal Trust – January 2024 Work Party Report

The one-week work party started on 12th January and took place at Wharf Road, Wendover and Little Tring. An extra day was held on 24th January.

A total of 37 volunteer days during the work party.

Relining work remains suspended, but Clive our Chairman recently circulated “We have received the report from Southern Testing, and shared it with CRT. Karen Jackson of CRT has asked for a series of technical clarifications, and we have just asked Southern Testing for this information. We will continue to update you when we know any more.

Health, Safety and Environment

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

Wharf Road.

A start was made on installing the new railings to the compound.

The railings were delivered to Little Tring on Monday 8th January.

At the compound the vegetation was cleared from the line of the new railings and was taken to a licensed tip. On clearing the vegetation some existing brick and concrete foundations were uncovered. These can be incorporated into the new work. Amendments to the existing mesh fencing were made to allow the compound to remain secure during the work.

Weather during the work party was too cold to place concrete or construct brickwork.



Existing foundations at Wharf Road.

Bridge 4, expansion joints.

The timber in the joint in the bed was removed, revealing expansion foam in the joint. The joint was too wet to seal.



Joint across the bed of the canal.

The ends of the brick approach walls were taken down and the mortar cleaned out.



Towpath wall



Offside wall

The concrete and brick rubble were removed from the canal bed and returned to the site compound for reuse as hard surfacing in the compound area.

The weather during the work party was too cold to lay bricks or install the sealant.

The sealant in the existing joints in the concrete bridge hole and mooring wall were inspected and were found to have failed. However, there is a water bar in these joints. The sealant will be broken out and replaced.

Other work.

Stands have been made for the Bentomatic. These were set up next to the portaloo, but on reflection they need to be moved because movement of the 13t excavator to pick up the Bentomatic will lead to damage to the car park surface.



Stand with platform for the jig



Pins for the Bentomatic in hut 3

The Bentomatic was prepared and painted following the inspection last month.



Bentomatic, painted.

The scaffold tubes were moved to a secure storage.

The road form shutters were cleaned and oiled ready for use.

Preparation for Tidy Friday

The area at Bridge 4a was prepared ready for planting trees.



Bridge 4a cleared ready for trees.

Tidy Friday

The weather was cold and the ground was frozen. Mulch was transported from Little Tring and placed around trees at Bridge 4a. later in the day the ground had thawed sufficiently to allow tree planting.



Trees planted at Bridge 4a

Extra day, 24th January.

Work was carried out at Bridge 4 on the extra day. Materials were moved and the ends of the approach walls were rebuilt.



Towpath wall



Offside wall

The sealant in the existing joints in the bridge hole and mooring wall was taken out and the joints prepared ready for sealant.



Joint in the bridge hole

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