

Wendover Canal Trust – March 2024 Work Party Report

The majority of 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. The work party was due to start on 1st March and finish on 8th March. Three days of the work party were lost at the start due to bad weather and lack of volunteer numbers. Two extra days were added on 12th and 14th March.

A total of 35 volunteer days during the work party.

Health, Safety and Environment

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

There was one near miss when a volunteer wearing chest waders was recovering a sign from the canal. The volunteer lost his footing in the silt and stumbled. No injuries were sustained.

Wharf Road.

The railings were installed to the wall along Wharf Road. Initially there was a problem with the chemical anchors, but a two-part resin adhesive was used successfully in place of the chemical.



Wall with railings installed.

The low wall alongside the towpath was started and the return at the end completed.



Low wall alongside the towpath.

Steps from the towpath to Bankside were repaired by replacing the timber riser and building up the backfill forming the tread.



Repaired steps to Bankside.

Tidy Friday

The grass was cut in the pocket park between Bridge 4 and the copse of trees. The arisings were raked up and disposed on site in the boundary hedge.



Pocket Park after grass cutting.

Extra day 12th March.

Steps were installed from the low wall to the platform across the weir. Solid concrete blocks and in situ concrete were used to form the steps. These steps are located inside the compound and allow Canal and River Trust staff a safe means of access to the monitoring station.

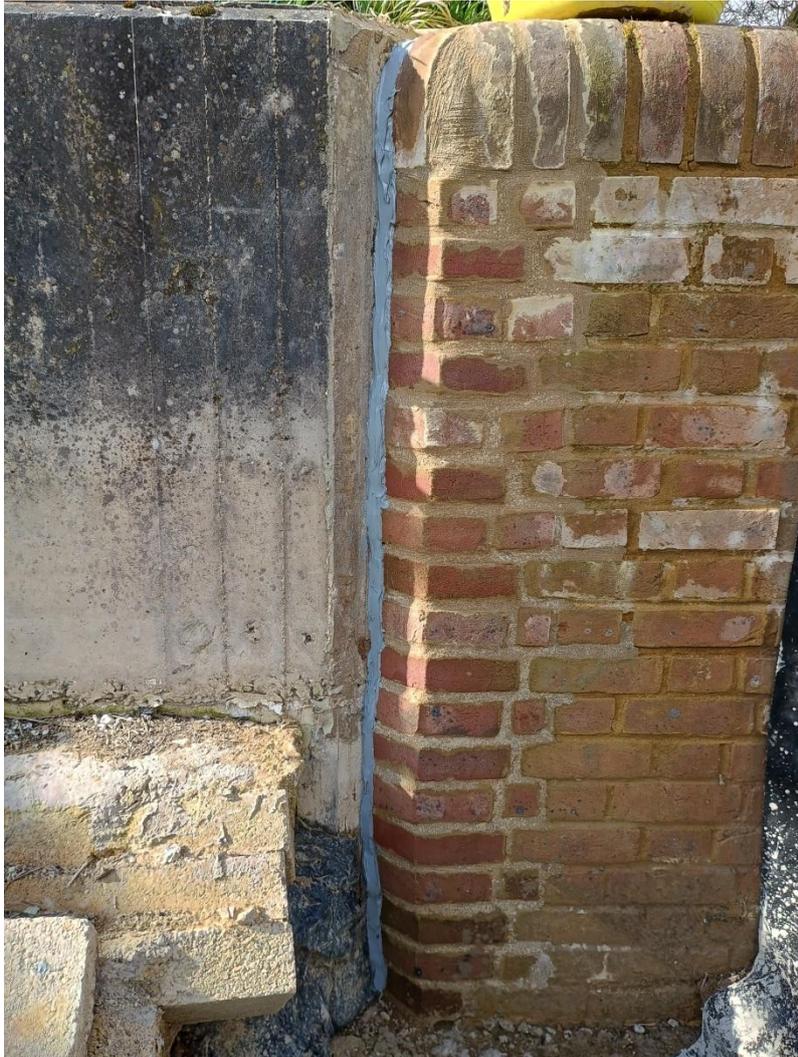
**Steps from towpath to weir crossing.****Extra day 14th March.**

The work party worked at two sites.

The side wall at Wharf Road was continued with good progress being made.

A second group of volunteers worked at Bridge 4 to clean out the joints and install the Polysulphide sealant. When applying the sealant, the manufacturer's instructions were followed and volunteers were made aware of the COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations) assessments for sealant and primer. All joints were sealed.

Polythene sheeting was fitted to the 'wet' side of the stop planks. NOTE: the Bridge 4 repair document will be updated with record photos from the work.



Joint in the wall sealed.

A trial hole was excavated near Drayton Beauchamp to inspect the condition of the Bentomat anchor system following comments in a design review carried out by Canal and River Trust and the Bentomat supplier.

The trial hole found that the system of steel rods supported by steel pins has worked successfully with little or no noticeable corrosion of the steel. In addition root growth was apparent through the Bentomat providing additional anchorage. Wendover Canal Trust will prepare a separate report of the investigation.

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