



WENDOVER CANAL TRUST

METHOD STATEMENT

FOR

The Installation of a Memorial Bench at Oliver's Bridge

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Revision History

Issue	Date	Author	Summary of changes
1	26 May 2024	M Bradley	First issue



Description of work to be carried out:

This method statement covers the method to install a memorial bench close to Oliver's Bridge.

Hazards associated with task /work:

- Manual handling.
- Uneven ground.
- Working in a public space.
- Use of hand tools.
- Working near water.
- Hazardous substances (concrete).

Risk assessments and other documents to be referred to:

Risk assessments:

- WATRA S32 Installation of a Memorial Bench at Oliver's Bridge.

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Method to be undertaken.

The memorial bench will replace the existing timber bench at Oliver's Bridge.



An advance warning of the work will be fixed to the existing bench advising of it's replacement.

A service search of the area has been carried out and shows there are no underground or overhead services in the area.

The area around the existing legs will be excavated to locate any fill material/concrete. The fill material/concrete will be carefully removed and the bench removed from the ground. The ground adjacent to the bench will be excavated to a maximum depth of 150mm to allow Type 1 surfacing to be placed and compacted once the new bench is in position. At the location of each of the legs of the new bench a hole will be dug to accommodate a hollow concrete block. Metal bench fixings will be cast into concrete in the hollow blocks. Site mixed concrete



will be used. Care will be taken to ensure the fixings are positioned correctly and at the correct level. The new bench will be placed on temporary supports to ensure correct line and level.

Once the concrete has cured the area around the bench will be surfaced with compacted Type 1. This includes the area between the upgraded towpath and the granite setts (this was not completed at the time of the towpath upgrade). The bench will be fixed in position and secured using coach screws.

If suitable, the arisings from the excavation will be used to surface the adjacent footpath. If they are unsuitable they will be removed from site and take to the compound at Little Tring for later disposal off site.



<p>PPE:</p>	<p>High visibility jackets to be worn at all times.</p> <p>Gloves and other appropriate clothing including suitable safety footwear should be worn.</p> <p>When using power tools; Ear protection.</p>
<p>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</p>	<p>Hand tools: Picks, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, spanners, drill.</p> <p>Power tools: Plate compactor.</p>
<p>WELFARE FACILITIES:</p>	<p>Public facilities in Wendover.</p>
<p>FIRST AID:</p>	<p>First aid cover will be supplied by the WCT first aiders or first aiders from visiting groups.</p> <p>First aid kit will be carried by first aiders.</p>
<p>EMERGENCY CONTACTS:</p> <p>FIRE:</p> <p>AMBULANCE SERVICE:</p> <p>STOKE MADEVILLE HOSPITAL:</p> <p>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HOSPITAL:</p> <p>LOCAL POLICE:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">TRING:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">AYLESBURY:</p>	<p>IN ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 999</p> <p>999</p> <p>01908 262422</p> <p>01296 315000</p> <p>01442 213141</p> <p>01442 827272</p> <p>01442 271000</p> <p>01296 396000 Note:</p> <p>First aiders carry a card with emergency services information.</p>