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## **METHOD STATEMENT**

### **FOR**

# **Remediating the Soil Next to the Towpath**

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**Registered Charity No. 801190**

## Document Location

The editable version of this document is held by the Wendover Canal Trust Site Manager. It is available to all members of the Wendover Canal Trust and the public via the Wendover Canal Trust's website:

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## Revision History

Issue	Date	Author	Summary of changes
Rev 1	28/05/2024	M Bradley	First issue
Rev 2	03/06/2024	M Bradley	Comments from EnvApp action plan added.

**Description of work to be carried out:**

This method statement covers the work to remediate the soil heaps next to the towpath close to Bridge 4 at Little Tring.

**Hazards associated with task /work:**

- Manual handling.
- Uneven ground.
- Working in a public space.

**Risk assessments and other method statements / documents to be referred to:**

Risk assessment WCTRA S33 remediating soil next to the Towpath. (available on [Wendover Canal Bringing it to Life - Wendover Canal Trust](#))

**Methods to be undertaken:**

- The work will be carried out by a minimum of two volunteers for safety purposes.
- The work area is the section of towpath from Bridge 4 to approximately 30m towards the WCT site compound.
- Access to the work area will be along the towpath from the WCT site compound.
- Soil heaps will be excavated using hand tools and loaded into wheelbarrows. Any items of hard core, such as bricks, will be separated and taken to the site compound for reuse. Contact Karen Jackson (07917 185840) if any potentially contaminated or non-natural material is detected.
- The soil will be deposited on the towpath side canal channel bank where backfill is missing. The bank will be prepared by strimming the grass verge and removing the temporary polythene protection.
- The soil will be tipped directly from the wheelbarrows down the bank. Care will be taken to ensure an even spread of the soil. If necessary, the soil will be spread using hand tools, working from the dry canal bed.
- Any remaining soil in the heaps will be raked to spread evenly and grass seeded.

PPE:	<p><b>High visibility jackets to be worn at all times.</b>  <b>Gloves and other appropriate clothing including suitable safety footwear must be worn.</b></p>
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:	<p><b>Hand tools: wheelbarrow, rake, spade.</b></p>
WELFARE FACILITIES:	<p><b>Portaloo on site.</b></p>
FIRST AID:	<p><b>First aid cover will be supplied by the WCT first aiders or first aiders from visiting groups.</b></p> <p><b>First aid kit will be carried by first aiders.</b></p>
<p><b>EMERGENCY CONTACTS:</b></p> <p><b>FIRE:</b></p> <p><b>AMBULANCE SERVICE:</b></p> <p><b>STOKE MADEVILLE HOSPITAL:</b></p> <p><b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HOSPITAL:</b></p> <p><b>LOCAL POLICE:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>TRING:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>AYLESBURY:</b></p>	<p><b>IN ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 999</b></p> <p><b>999</b></p> <p><b>01908 262422</b></p> <p><b>01296 315000</b></p> <p><b>01442 213141</b></p> <p><b>01442 827272</b></p> <p><b>01442 271000</b></p> <p><b>01296 396000</b>    <b>Note:</b></p> <p><b>If asked for location by emergency services, it is important that the exact location of the nearest ROAD ACCESS or BRIDGE is provided. Refer to EMERGENCY CALL OUT INFORMATION sheet.</b></p>

## Photographs



**Heap 1.**



**Heap 2.**



**Heap 3.**



**Heap 4.**



**Heap 5.**



**Heap 6.**