



THE WENDOVER ARM TRUST WORKING PARTY NEWS

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Ron Pittaway

Enid Pittaway and family would like to thank all those who gave most generously in memory of Ron to the two charities at his funeral. They were very touched by the response - a total of £1,125 was donated, £605 to the Wendover Arm Trust and £520 to the Ian Rennie Hospice at Home. In addition many of the donations were given under gift aid adding another 25% to the donation.

September and October Working Parties

Yet again the weather was not on our side for some of the time – what is very unhelpful is a dry sunny day when things are starting to dry up followed by a very wet day that puts ground conditions back to square one.

Due to ground conditions no further bed lining was completed but the Stage 2 mooring wall was completed including the weak mix concrete fill, concrete finishes round the wing walls and lining the slope to bed level in front of the wall.



Roger Leishman

THE COMPLETED STAGE 2 MOORING WALL

The lining of the offside bank opposite the mooring wall was also completed leaving only the bed to complete restoration along the mooring wall length.



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THE WEST END OF THE MOORING WALL

November Working Party

There is now 212 metres of lining plus the bed lining for the 50 metre length of the mooring wall to be completed before we install a bund at Bridge 4A and re-water the next length of completed canal. The aim is to complete this in 2013 but it has to be borne in mind that the recent bad weather has already put us 2 to 3 months behind so all we can do is hope for a drier 2013.

With this working party we are now embarking on a very repetitive routine. We will be proceeding forward profiling the banks, using the spoil for bed and bank lining and concrete blocking banks as we go. As the distance between excavation and lining is now very short we want to avoid double handling of spoil if at all possible. Hence we will only be using one tracked dumper to transport soil from a 5t excavator profiling the banks to an 8t excavator placing Bentomat rolls and backfilling with spoil.

Apart from delaying work, the weather has also increased plant hire costs due to idle time when pumping out water or ground and/or weather conditions bring work to a stop. Since we started restoration in 1997 the last year or two are the first in which this has had a noticeable effect on progress and finance.

WAT store hut at Tringford Pumping Station

The roof of the hut needs urgent repairs before the winter. John Reynolds has agreed to carry out the repairs but needs the help of two or three able bodied assistants. Due to the weather a date is not being fixed in advance but if there is a fine day in the offing John will contact you to come along and help. Please let John know on 01442 824454 or 07787 355515 if you are willing to help – the more the merrier as not everyone may be available on the chosen day.

Progress Report

All too quickly the time has come round again for my six-monthly report that you will find on page 3.

First Aid Course

It is very heartening that five of our restoration volunteers are attending the first aid course arranged by Ray Orth at Marsworth Village Hall on October 29th to November 1st.

Mechanical Plant

If you have been passed out by Ray Orth as a dumper and/or excavator driver please ensure that he has signed your restoration manual accordingly. If you have not yet received your restoration manual please note that we are currently arranging for more manuals to be issued.

General Notes.

All volunteers receive and sign for the Trust's Restoration Handbook that includes full Health and Safety requirements for the restoration works. The handbook is the property of the Trust; if you leave the working parties for any reason, please return your Handbook to either Ray Orth or myself. Many thanks Bob.

Hard hats for use at all times and high visibility jackets to be worn on sites with mobile plant in use are kept in the store at Tringford and must be drawn/returned there. One first aid kit is kept in the store, one in the Transit tipper and two are available for up to two working sites. Each qualified first-aider will have a kit with him/her when on site.

Also available in the store at Tringford are ear defenders and goggles that must be worn when using strimmers, angle grinders, concrete breakers and the like. CRT will supply hard hats, gloves and footwear with reinforced toecaps on request. We normally work from 9am to 5pm (or dark if earlier!).

There are breaks for morning tea/coffee, packed lunch and afternoon tea/coffee. We take our own food and drink.

DATES FOR WORKING PARTIES

So you can plan your diary ahead, the following are the dates of future working parties for 2012/13:

DATE	WORKING AT	WORK TO BE DONE
2012		
Friday 2 nd November to Thursday 8 th November	Stage 2/3 lining	Bed and bank lining.
Friday 30 th November to Thursday 6 th December	Stage 2/3 lining	Bed and bank lining.
2013		
Friday 4 th January to Thursday 10 th January	Stage 2/3 lining	Bed and bank lining.
Friday 1 st February to Thursday 7 th February	Stage 2/3 lining	Bed and bank lining.
Friday 1 st March to Thursday 7 th March	Stage 2/3 lining	Bed and bank lining.

WENDOVER ARM CANAL RESTORATION PHASE II PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 11th OCTOBER 2012

CANAL LINING

Item	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7	Total
Total length	321m	350m	350m	350m	350m	337m	-	
Complete to date:								
Bulk Excavation	321m	350m	128m					
Capping to pipe	321m	350m	110m					
Tipping to offside bank	321m	321m	80m					
Tipping to towpath bank	321m	321m	80m					
Profiling offside bank	321m	260m						
Profiling towpath bank	321m	260m						
Lining towpath bank	321m	260m						
Lining offside bank	321m	260m						
Level and line bed	321m	200m						
Planting banks	60m	-----						
Mooring wall length	50m	50m	-----	50m	50m	-----	237m	
Excavation	50m	50m	-----	50m		-----	10m	
Blinding	50m	50m	-----	50m		-----		
Wall base	50m	50m	-----	50m		-----		
Wall upright	50m	50m	-----	50m		-----		
Backfill	50m	50m	-----	40m		-----		
Estimated Cost	£127,958	£130,000	£175,000	£175,000	£166,250	£98,725	£53,725	£809,658
Cost to date/final	£127,958	£120,306	£19,542	£11,524	£345	£273	£390	£280,338

FOOTBRIDGES & VARIOUS OTHER WORKS

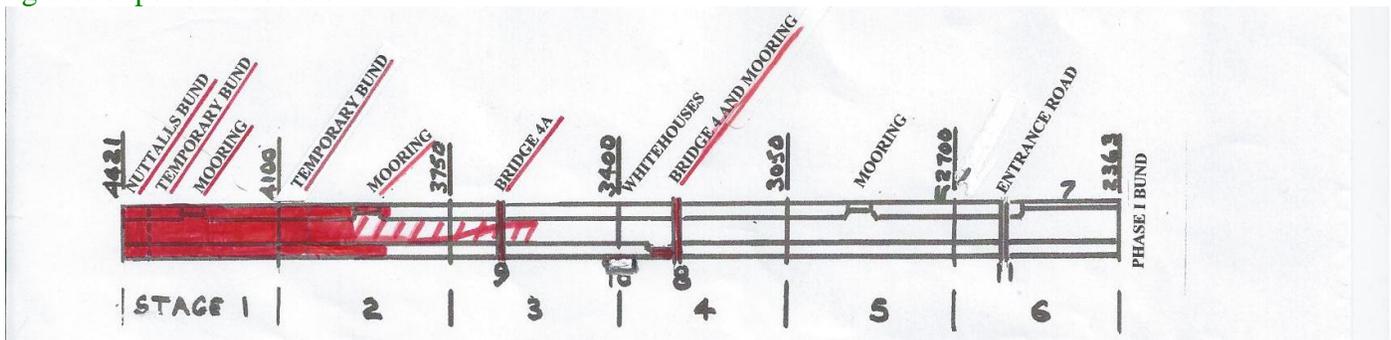
Item	Stage 8 Bridge 4	Stage 9 Bridge 4A	Stage 10 Whitehouses	Stage 11 Cart track Narrows	Stage 12 Removal of bunds	Stage 13 Winding Hole nose	Stage 14 Nuttalls Bund	Total
Footbridge	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Excavation	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Blinding	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Wall base	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Wall upright	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Backfill	100%	100%	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Heritage work	-----	-----	10%	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Other work	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100%	
Estimated cost	£20,122	£20,031	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000	£10,000	3,501	£113,654
Cost to date/final	£20,122	£20,031	£5,031				3,501	£48,685

SUMMARY INCLUDING OVERHEAD COSTS

	Lining	F/bridges & other works	Clear bed, & Temp'y Works	Environ't Reports	Materials In stock	Admin	Tools & Equip't	Vehicle	Unallocated contingency	TOTAL
Estimated cost	£928,700	£113,654	£20,000	£3,245	£0	£25,000	£5,000	£10,000	£49,000	£1,154,599
Cost to date/final	£280,338	£48,685	£18,355	£3,245	£20,989	£19,553	£4,404	£11,233		£406,802

A red figure indicates a final cost/physical progress.

A green figure indicates a revised budget figure, either to match a finished cost or to give a re-appraisal in the light of experience to date.



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