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July Working Party

Final profiling of both banks and the bed for almost 100 metres was completed ready for lining in August. The last base of the mooring wall was poured and the formwork removed, cleaned and stored in the Long Marston garage pending the next wall build.

August Working Party

On the Friday before the working party preparations were made in getting plant delivered and materials ready for a flying start with BITM over the first weekend. This proved very successful in that all the Bentomat lining was quickly laid thanks to the assistance of the BITM team. Not only was the Bentomat laid but a team at Little Tring who were keeping the works supplied with materials were able to cut further supplies of 20m lengths of Bentomat ready for bottom lining. Many thanks BITM. Hollow concrete blocks were laid at the bottom of the Bentomat on the banks followed by solid concrete blocks with coir rolls along the top. This work was completed by the second Saturday morning as below.



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Progress was so good with lining that Saturday afternoon and Sunday were spent profiling the towpath bank from the completed lining to the mooring wall. Final profiling was completed next to the mooring wall so that surplus concrete from pouring the wall sections with ready-mix can be used to form the bank from the end of the wall to blend the bank into the finished wall



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PROFILING THE TOWPATH BANK AND THE COMPLETED BASE OF THE MOORING WALL

Surplus concrete from the wall pours was used to complete a small piece of pipe capping at the manhole past Bridge 4A and also tipped at the end of the Stage 4 mooring wall where the bank has been removed for wall construction and needs some solidity to support the final bank profile before lining.

September Working Party

At the September working party it is intended to backfill with spoil above the coir rolls. If the spoil is

still dry, as it has been for the last few months, it is intended to place the first layer along the top of the rolls and proceed with further layers as soon as the spoil is damp enough to stay in place. Grass seed has already been purchased for sowing on the banks. As soon as banks are completed, the 20 metre rolls of Bentomat will be laid along the bed and covered with spoil from further bank profiling.

If enough volunteers are forthcoming, the formwork will be taken from the Stage 4 mooring wall and used to pour the wall sections of the Stage 2 mooring wall over the next working parties.

WAT AGM 2011-08-24

There is an error in the notice for the AGM this year as published in the Summer Issue of the Wendover Arm News – It is on Wednesday but the 26th October, not the 27th.

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.

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.

Also available in the store at Tringford are ear defenders and goggles that must be worn when using trimmers, angle grinders, concrete breakers and the like. BW 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 2011/12:

DATE	WORKING AT	WORK TO BE DONE
2011		
Friday 2 nd September to Thursday 8 th September	Stages 3/4	
Friday 30 th September to Thursday 6 th October	Stages 3/4	
Friday 4 th November to Thursday 10 th November	Stages 3/4	
Friday 2 nd December to Thursday 8 th December	Stages 3/4	
2012		
Friday 6 th January to Thursday 12 th January	Stages 3/4	
Friday 3 rd February to Thursday 9 th February	Stages 3/4	
Friday 2 nd March to Thursday 8 th March	Stages 3/4	

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