



THE WENDOVER ARM TRUST WORKING PARTY NEWS

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November and December Working Parties

This photograph shows the progress at the end of the December working party.



Roger Leishman

This picture, taken from in front of Whitehouses, shows the completed pipe capping on the left that is now approaching the end of Stage 3 at Whitehouses.

On the offside, behind the pipe capping is the bank being restored in carefully laid shallow layers of spoil that are consolidated by the plant operating to and fro over it. The bank had to be removed to allow the pipe trench to be capped although, as stated in the October issue of this newsletter, the bank was mainly spill from the Herts County Council former rubbish tip adjacent to the canal. On the towpath side the bank is being rough profiled ready for the re-lining process in due course.

January and February Working Parties

During the November and December working parties no ready-mix concrete was laid for pipe capping as priority had to be given to excavation and works associated with Whitehouses. Excavation only will continue during January and February



*And
a successful restoration New Year*

A look back at this year



Roger Leishman

I can only look back with pride for what the Trust's volunteers have achieved in eight years, a total of 550 metres in water since re-lining Phase II started in 2007. The Trust will be saying thank you at a buffet lunch for our volunteers in January.

Whitehouses



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The CRT contractor has been working on the water control works although work has been temporarily suspended at present.

This photograph shows the present progress. The settling tank in the foreground is ready to receive the cross members that will support a steel grid over the tank

The brick piers in the tank, part of the restoration by KESCRG, with grooves are to hold weir boards to control what will be the water level in the whole of the Arm and the mainline canal (Tring Cutting) between Cowroast and Marsworth locks with surplus water being fed into Wilstone Reservoir.

The square brickwork behind the settling tank is the new manhole that will have sluice valves to control the various flows of water.

Reinstated in its original position on top of the wharf wall is the paddle gear that will allow the pound between Bridge 4 (Patrick Saunders footbridge) and Bridge 5 (Drayton Beauchamp Bridge) to be drained. It has been refurbished in newly painted black and white.

General Notes

We operate as a self-supervising group under CRT and 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 and one in the Nissan Cabstar and each qualified first-aider will have their own 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.

WORKING PARTIES

So you can plan your diary ahead, the following are the dates of future working parties in 2016. The work to be done is very much subject to the weather during the forthcoming winter months.

DATE	WORKING AT	WORK TO BE DONE
2016		
Friday 8 th January to Thursday 14 th January <i>(avoiding New Year's Day)</i>	Stage 4	Stage 3 pipe capping excavation and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 5 th February to Thursday 11 th February	Stage 4	Stage 3/4 pipe capping excavation and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 4 th March to Thursday 10 th March	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 1 st April to Thursday 7 th April	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 6 th May to Thursday 12 th May	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 3 rd June to Thursday 9 th June <i>Open Day Sunday 5th June</i>	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 1 st July to Thursday 7 th July	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 5 th August to Thursday 11 th August	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 2 nd September to Thursday 8 th September <i>Open Day Sunday 4th Sept.</i>	Stage 3/4	Stage 3 profiling and lining. Stage 4 pipe capping and rough shaping both banks as pipe capping is completed..
Friday 7 th October to Thursday 13 th October		
Friday 4 th November to Thursday 10 th November		
Friday 2 nd December to Thursday 8 th December		

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