

Lancaster Canal Trust

Members & Volunteers Newsletter - July 2018

July work party

Dates – Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th.

Meet at STANTON at 9.30

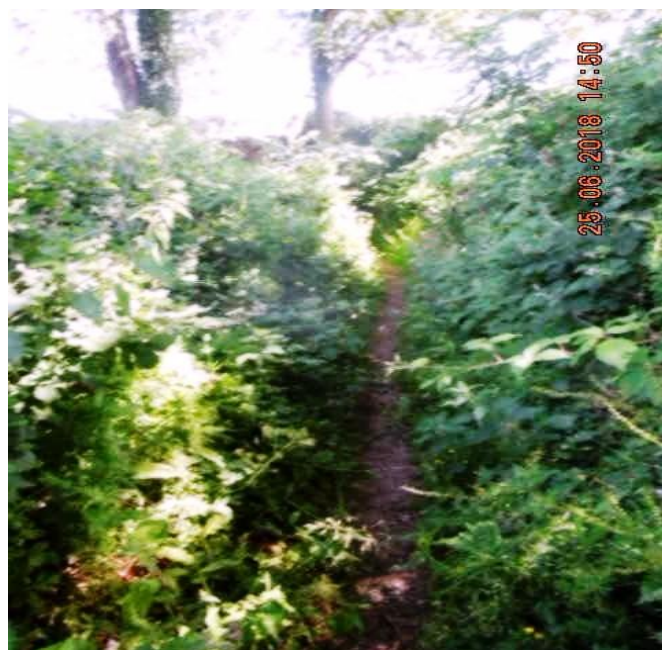
All being well Wilson's will have had their big Excavator in by then and will have finished clearing and profiling the remaining section of the cut right up to Bridge 172. They will have moved the stacks of blocks for us as well on to the end of the relined section. Also, the joining the EDPM liner will have been completed meaning that we can finish laying the final cover of concrete blocks along that length. It will be great to get this section done – plane sailing from now on!! With the bed free of obstructions we will have an unhindered 'run' for the remaining 30 metre sections of lining.

Keeping on top of work at Hincaster is stretching our volunteer team a bit but, as we now have a couple of volunteers who prefer mid-week work and are happy to take this on, we'll fix a mid-week date for vegetation clearance at either end of the tunnel later in the month for anyone who wants to join them.

Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. We will provide whatever protective clothing is required for the job in hand (hard hats, hi-vis jackets and work gloves) if you don't have your own. We advise that you bring warm clothes, waterproofs, sturdy boots or wellies and a packed lunch with drinks. Please note that there are no facilities on our sites.

Please let me know if you can attend - this is important in case details change, a quick email to chair@lctrust.co.uk is all that's needed.

Work completed in June



Glen W and David G trimmed back the vegetation encroaching on the Horsepath and cut back the growth on the steps (see photos above and below)



John M and Robin worked on joining the rubber liner between sections two and three which has been causing problems due to the curve in the cut at that point (*well, largely John, Robin was just the gofer! Ed*)



June's weekend work party saw the volunteer team persevering with moving and laying more blocks but at least the decent weather and the 'good crack' saw the time pass quickly and a lot was achieved. We moved 17 pallet loads of blocks and as each pallet carries 72 blocks, that's over 1200 blocks. It's no wonder we're getting fitter all the time! A welcoming thanks to our new volunteers Sam and Neil who did a sterling job and though they seemed undaunted, we hope we haven't put them off!!!

A note for your diary's please - the August work party will be a three day event – 11th, 12th and 13th and we will have the assistance of some keen British Gas engineers. More in the next E-news.

Don't forget the AGM Tuesday 10th July

7.30, Over Kellet Village Hall

(bring the papers you have been sent)

Formal business then Paul Shaw will talk on restoration work around the country

The Westmorland County Show 13th September

There is a pressing need to revamp our display stands used for shows like this and someone to help set up the display. There are usual a good range of photos taken on our work parties so to make sure the display is fresh and up to date we need to choose the ones that best illustrate our work and achievements.

The 'layout' of the material available, maps, guides to restoration and so on also needs perhaps a little imagination. So, any volunteers?

Partner Organisations – News and Updates

Canal & River Trust:

Towpath Taskforce Lancaster

Meeting Location: **Lune Aqueduct car park, Caton rd, Lancaster, LA1 3PE**

Date: Thursday 19th July – 10am to 3pm

Task: Mini 'Bioblitz' (ecological survey) with our Ecologist, vegetation clearance if weather is poor

Meeting Location: **Lune Aqueduct car park, Caton rd, Lancaster, LA1 3PE**

Date: Tuesday 26th July – 10am to 3pm

Task: Litter Pick

If you can please let Anna know if you are planning to attend that would be great
anna.barlow@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Lancaster Canal Coke Ovens

For information of their work programme for 2018 please contact Brian Crawley on 07721 007379 or email -
charcopse@yahoo.co.uk

Inland Waterway Association

Forthcoming dates

July 7 th & 8 th	Scarisbrick Marina Festival	
21 st	Balsam bash at Haslam Park, Preston. Joint event with LCT, Friends of Haslam Park, IWA and Lancashire Wildlife Trust	Meet at 10 am at the Friends of Haslam Park Hut
Saturday 21 st Sunday 22 nd Monday 23 rd	CRT Roadshow Kendal area Lune Aqueduct Car Park at Glasson Dock	See CRT website for details
25 th – 27 th	IWA Festival of Water, St Neots (National Rally as was)	
Sept 27 th	Branch social meeting at Whittle-le-Woods	

A very successful joint Litter Pick at Haslam Park on Saturday 30th, IWA, LCT, Friends of Haslam Park and Lancashire Wildlife Trust plus local people turned up and collected 13 bags of rubbish mostly from alongside the canal. These Litter Picks make a huge difference to how people view and appreciate our canals so is really valuable work – and a ‘good crack’ as well. If you can spare an hour or so come along and join us.

Any questions please email wendy.humphreys@waterways.org.uk or phone 07763561572

Site Locations:

First Furlong – Stainton, Viver Lane, LA8 0LG

<https://www.lctrust.co.uk/activities/stainton-car-park/view-map?tmpl=component...>

Hincaster Tunnel – Well Head Lane (by bridge under A590) Grid Reference SD 5139 8510

Millness Depot – A65 Crooklands (by bridge under M6) Grid Reference SD 5371 8303

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