

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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We will be holding Open Weekend **Open Weekend 2021** on

September 11th & 12th.

All updates will be on our website.

The only major change to our usual schedule will be to the guided walks.

Beginning in May this year the Repair Project got under way. With grants from Historic England, Natural England and a charitable trust we accumulated sufficient funds. To facilitate the works the public right of way over the dam has been closed.

At the time of writing, the wall to the southern spillway has been taken down to its foundations and thereby created a huge hole. A reinforced concrete wall will be installed then all the numbered facing stones will be replaced.

At the same time, roughly, all the archaeology in the northern works will be repaired and walls capped. To achieve this, a temporary bridge has been installed over the northern sluice to avoid applying too much pressures to the old 1941 concrete retaining wall from an earlier repair.

Come and take a look at your heritage being conserved for the future as we will be able, just for the event, to open part of the path. Numbers for each tour will be restricted for safety purposes

Oh, one other thing, with costs rising for everything (even the necessary luo hire has increased by 250%), we sincerely request a reasonable donation in the bucket towards the cost of Open Weekend but remember there is no charge for admission or for parking.



Southern Spillway and Barrel Arch July 2021
