

Repair Project update-05- (end of January)

The objective of the project is to conserve the archaeology in the northern works and to stabilise and consolidate the southern spillway.



Little work is needed at the northern end except to complete the landscaping. As the budget is very restricted FFPG have been asked to complete the landscaping which will begin as soon as C J Thorne have completed the contract and vacated the site. The work will involve setting out the soil filled sandbags and back filling with slag where necessary. We will need volunteers please!!!

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The new access walkway for the penstock controls has arrived and is awaiting installation.



The old stonework begins to rise at the southern end. It will be a slow process as the lime mortar being used takes a long time to 'go off' in cold temperatures. The original mortar was analysed and this is the closest we can achieve today. This base to the main wall will have one more course before it will 'break ground' (when back filled). Some of the stones are only 150mm deep whereas others are up to 600mm deep which need to be cut to a consistent depth and the 'offcut' can be used where a new stone is required.



The large darker stone end on to camera (top course) has been missing since Carla and I took on the site 37 years ago. It was found about 5m away buried.