

Repair Project update-01 - (mid September)

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

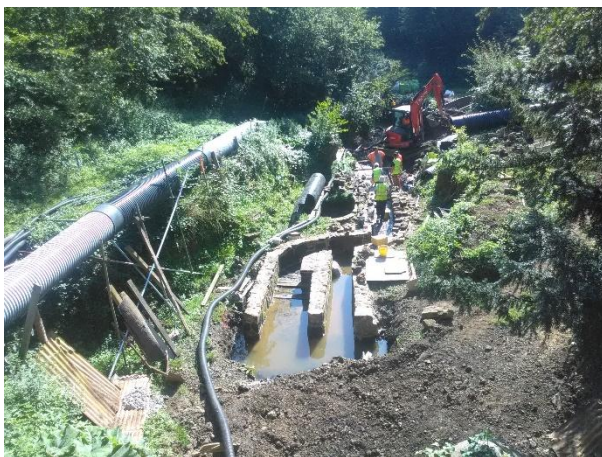


Work preparing for the project works began in the middle of May with a hard track being laid down the entire length of the field despite the exceptionally persistent rain – 120mm in one week.

The south eastern wall, the one which holds up the southern spillway, the dam and the public right of way was carefully dismantled. From the beginning of June to last for 6 months the right of way has been officially closed and a footpath diversion put in place.



Once the wall had been dismantled with all the facing stone being carefully numbered and recorded, the barrel archway carrying the spillway (the old water control for the working furnace) was revealed. The archway was underpinned and longitudinal anchors installed. Anchors stitching together the wing walls were also installed.



At the northern works the walls to the wheels pits were re-instated and all walls were capped. The damaged section of the tail race was also rebuilt using only stone and bricks recovered from the stream bed downstream.