

# Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust Regeneration Managers Report 25th November 2009

## Restoration & Training Projects to be completed May 2010 for the Welsh Waterways Festival

### Projects funded through Newport Waste, NCC and TCBC:-

1. Introduction to Lime Mortar and Stone Work Skills Training Ty-Mawr Lime, Brecon. One days workshop 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. 26th October. MBACT, TCBC, WRG Vol **(15 attended) further workshop to be arranged for early December**
2. Prepare Risk Assessments and Method of Work Statements **RD (Completed)**
3. Provide Toilet at Pentre Lane for WRG work camp 25th to 30th October. TCBC **(Provided by TCBC - Completed)**
4. Install Boundary Fence and clear undergrowth offside Drapers Lock. Delayed due to land ownership issues.
5. Contain water seepage from canal between Pentre Lane and Drapers Lock **(Commenced today the 9th November – MBACT Volunteers and Contractors-Noel Fitzpatrick)**
6. Woodland management of offside bank Pentre Lane to Ty Ffynnon Lock. MBACT and WRG Volunteers (nearly completed between Pentre Lane and Ash Tree Bridge).
7. Maintenance to Tamplin Lock MBACT and WRG Volunteers.  
**Completed lock gates repaired and repainted, some debris removed from chamber.**
8. Lock Moorings Tamplin Lock. MBACT Volunteers.
9. Restore/repair flood relief overspill Weir Ty Ffynnon Lock. **(Completed)**
10. Lock Moorings Ty Ffynnon Lock. MBACT Volunteers
11. Repair Stonework (spillway channel Ty Ffynnon Lock). MBACT Volunteers
12. De-silting and weed from canal channel Pentre Lane to Waen Lock (TCBC & NCC). WRG Volunteers. **(Completed from Pentre Lane to Ash Tree Bridge – approximately 3,600 cub metres removed in 3½ Days).**
13. De-silting canal channel Cefn Flight of Fourteen Locks to Harry Roberts Bridge. (NCC). Planning stage.
14. Operational Repairs to Flood Relief Sluices Malpas Aqueduct (M4). MBACT/NCC
15. Check pointing Gwasted Lock 1 main chamber. MBACT Volunteer.
16. Installation Back Pumps – Malpas, Ty Ffynnon and Cefn Wharf Lock (March 2010) MBACT Volunteers/ NCC-Contractors start 1st May 2010.
17. Clear canal channel of debris Pentre Lane to Waen Lock. MBACT Volunteers.
18. Remove temporary dams Ty Ffynnon, Malpas, Cefn Wharf Locks MBACT Volunteers & NCC

## **Restoration Funding Proposals to Sustain the Short and Long Term Regeneration Projects**

### **‘Entrust’ Landfill Tax**

Company ‘Newport Waste’ £60,000.00 Biodiversity – silt removal whilst protecting the waterway environments fauna and flora (received confirmation of application)

### **Wales Council for Volunteer Action**

The Engagement Gateway (Newport CC, Torfaen County Borough Council and Monmouthshire CC (skills training, raising levels of employment and reducing economic Inactivity).

Value £100,000.00

### **The Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) (Newport CC)**

(Engage economically inactive people and prepare them for employment through the use of transitional employment skills training programme, which builds confidence and work related skills to achieve sustainable employment).

Value £150,000.00

**(The Trust has progressed through the first phase and given a passport number, which enables the Trust to apply for any grants, which become available from the WCVA).**

### **Torfaen County Borough Council**

(Create) Branching Out Fund £5,000.00 Reg Tamplin and Drapers Locks, Training, Hedge Laying, Weed and Silt clearance and Leak Stopping etc.

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**The Trust has been requested to reapply, decision 2nd December**

### **British Waterways Memorial Bench**

Start made with the construction MBACT Volunteers

### **MBC Regeneration Partnership**

Convergence/Competitiveness Fund is fully committed.

WEFO have put MBC Regeneration Project on reserve list value 10 – 12 million.

The partners now have to work on the detail required for the application. (Progressing)

## **Monmouthshire and Brecon Canals Waterway Woodland Management Plan**

Initial application submitted to cover area from 5 Lock to M4 subway.

Progress to next stage (on site inspection of canal woodland corridor).

### **Canal Watch**

Initial contacts made with local community police in Cwmbran and Malpas.

No progress.

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