

Rangers Rag



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Summer 2005

Take a look at Lowdswells Lock

Over two weeks in July, 50 volunteers from the Waterway Recovery Group and the Canal Rangers were hard at work restoring historic features along the canal. Restoration to the Wharf at Whipcott Bridge and the old Lock at Lowdswells will preserve these fascinating features at the northern end of the canal and attract more people to use these areas. Improvement works so far have included;

Wharf at Whipcott Bridge

The stonework of the disused staircase has been repaired and repointed and a new handrail has been installed to allow the public to access the wharf's new picnic site safely.

Lock at Lowdswells.

Vegetation and debris have been removed from the dry section to reveal where the canal used to travel. The lock walls are now clearly visible which will allow the Rangers to investigate how the lock was built and how it actually worked. In addition a new picnic site, car park and post and rail fence have been built and the towpath has also been resurfaced.

More work will continue in the future on the lock, limekilns and wharfs as part of an ongoing project to restore and improve the canal's historic features. For more information about the canal please visit our website at www.devon.gov.uk/grand_western_canal



New Landing Stage

WRG volunteers also found time to;

- Build a new Landing Stage at Minnows Caravan Park just outside of Sampford Peverell;
- Paint Warnicombe Bridge, near Tiverton; and
- Carryout further excavations and scrub clearance at the limekilns near Waytown Tunnel.

Barmy About Bats

Sunday 11th September

Discover what bats live at the canal by joining the Rangers on our 'Barmy about Bats' walk and have a go at using the special bat detectors to identify local species.



Meet at the Sampford Peverell Picnic Site. £2 per Adult & 50p per Child

Booking Essential (Places limited)

Please bring a torch, warm clothing. Sorry no dogs or children under 7.
All children should be accompanied by an adult.