

## 2014 News Archive

### LOWER TAMAR LAKE CULVERT

Lower Tamar Lake was built as the water supply for the whole Bude Canal system. Water from the Lake was piped through this small culvert and thus to the Aqueduct branch and beyond. Over the years the culvert, in common with the length of the Aqueduct branch to Virworthy Wharf, had become heavily overgrown.



### MAKING SEATS

Old replaced footbridges along the length of the canal have given a source of usable timber. Good use has been made of much of this timber by making six bench seats at various locations along the canal between the now dismantled Aldercott Bridge and Brendon Bridge.



### GATE REPLACEMENTS

This gate had become very unstable as a result of the two gate posts rotting at ground level. Devon County Council's footpath management officer provided replacement materials to deal with this problem with the work being undertaken by four of the Trust's volunteers.



### **DES SHADRICK PICNIC TABLE**

The local Devon County and Torridge District Councillor the late Des Shadrick had always been a staunch supporter of the Trust and its work on the five mile Aqueduct branch of the canal. With the help of a grant, Trust volunteers placed a table and bench seats at Moreton Bridge to create a snack stop and picnic area in grateful memory of Des.



### **MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The Trust has a Maintenance Plan, endorsed by all its partners, to provide a framework for managing its lands. In line with this Plan, surveys are carried out each year to check matters such as the state of the gates, the standard of the footpath access, the state of the hedgerows and invasive growth in the canal profile. The Plan indicates when, where and how work on these various issues is carried out. The priority is keeping the public footpath on the line of the towpath open for easy use. The Trust organises weekly work parties throughout the year to undertake these various tasks.

