

Summer (2020)

April and May.

Apart from the concessionary mowing to keep the footpath open for walkers, all other maintenance operations were stopped throughout these two months due to Covid 19.

June

The Ash Die Back problem has reached trees close to, and along some sections of the footpath. An initial inspection has been carried out on one short section, confirming the presence of the disease and a full length survey will now have to be carried out along the length of the canal to establish the degree of severity throughout its trees.

Ten photos of interest were taken by the visiting cavers in a bid to establish if there were any remains of the wheel pit at the head of Vealand Incline Plane in 2017.

Photographs 1 to 10 Entrance through to compacted rubble.



1 Entrance



2 First stoned section



3 Roof fall material



4 Next stoned section



5 Arch locking stone detail



6 View on to cavers ahead



7 One of the team



8 End in sight



9 Remains of a collapsed arch



10 Compacted rubble at the end of the adit

Some branches and minor trees that were blocking the path of the ride on mower were removed with a Bow saw to maintain a clear path for Walkers.(11 & 12)



11 Fallen tree at Vealand



12 Fallen tree at Virworthy