

UPDATE 30 APRIL 2009 – No. 1

- **Work started on the restoration of the Monument on 27 April 2009.**
- **The Contractors are Lambert & Walker Conservation & Restoration Ltd.**
- **Over the next two weeks they will be reforming the track leading up to the Hoad from the top of Chittery Lane to allow for the safe transportation of materials.**
- **It is expected that external scaffolding will be erected within the next few weeks.**
- **Further regular reports will follow in due course.**



UPDATE 22 MAY 2009 – No. 2

- **The access track up to the Hoad has been reformed to allow for the transportation of materials.**
- **External scaffolding is now being erected and this work is expected to continue until w/c 29 June.**
- **It is expected that internal scaffolding will start w/c 22 June.**
- **The loading platform has been set up and two out of the eventual three service cabins are now in place.**
- **Security Fencing has been installed around the Monument.**
- **The project is on schedule despite recent inclement weather and high winds at the top of the Hoad, which has made external work difficult at times.**
- **It is encouraging that local firms in Ulverston are involved. IT Shaw Ltd in Morecambe Road, who will also be carrying out improvements to the lower paths at the Hoad, have been very helpful to the Contractors, Lambert Walker in the transportation of scaffolding materials and providing a secure compound in the Town. In addition, Andrew Whalley on the electrical side, also based in Morecambe Road has assisted with electrical inspections and specifications.**




UPDATE 17 JUNE 2009 – No. 3

- **Erection of external scaffolding is virtually complete.**
- **Erection of internal scaffolding has started.**
- **All service cabins are now in place.**
- **Next week work will start on stripping the paint off the cupola.**
- **There have been a number of issues regarding determined access of the structure by some youths despite every effort to make the site as secure as possible. This is being addressed with discussions with all parties as appropriate, including the police and security arrangements have been further enhanced.**



UPDATE 6 JULY 2009 – No. 4

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- Erection of external scaffolding is complete.
 - Erection of internal scaffolding is nearly complete and ahead of schedule at the moment.
 - The lantern at the top has been cleaned virtually down to the string course. The intention is to dismantle it in stages down to the cornice level. It will be assessed during this process. On inspection, there are hairline cracks in the masonry joints through the inserted hard mortar and the external coating.
 - The stone for the internal handrail has been procured and work will start on this soon.
 - A meeting has taken place with the police and health & safety representatives regarding attempted access of the structure by some youths, although the number of incidents has reduced so far. All physical barriers are in place but the situation will continue to be kept under review. A press release will be issued in conjunction with the police on hazards and potential prosecution if further attempts are made.

UPDATE 10 AUGUST 2009 – No. 5

- **Internal scaffolding complete**
- **Procurement of stone for handrail complete**
- **Forming of stone handrail – 30 %**
- **Removal of existing handrails – 80 %**
- **Cleaning of stone lantern – 95 %**
- **Dismantling of lantern – 40 %. Iron re-enforcement has been identified in the stonework of the lantern. The intention is to take the stonework down to the course at the bottom of the windows and then re-assess.**
- **Cleaning of Gunitite – complete. The whole of the outside of the Monument has been washed and gently blasted using a JOS system in readiness for eventual painting and finish.**
- **The steps on the spiral staircase have experienced some damage – full assessment to be carried out.**
- **Layout arrangements for operating the Monument and opening to the public in due course have been agreed.**



UPDATE 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 – No. 6

- **Making stone handrail – 60 %**
- **Fit imbedded sandstone handrail – 50 %**
- **Removal of existing handrails – 100 %**
- **Restoring existing handrails – 40 %**
- **Dismantling of lantern – 100 %**
- **Re-building lantern – 40 %**
- **Removal of steel decks – 100 %**
- **Commenced stripping walls & ceiling in the entrance chamber**
- **Steps on the spiral staircase – 35 to be replaced**
- **An external paint scheme for the monument to be decided soon**
- **Copper will be fitted to the dome in the near future**
- **Arrangements for fitting web cameras and footfall counters have been agreed**
- **Audience Development Plan well in hand – recent visit to Leaseowe Lighthouse on the Wirral, which has opened to the public following restoration proved very useful**
- **Project overall is on schedule**



UPDATE 05 OCTOBER 2009 – No. 7

- **Making stone handrail – 75 %**
- **Fit imbedded sandstone handrail – 50 %**
- **Restoring existing handrails – 70 %**
- **Cleaning stone lantern – 100 %**
- **Re-building lantern – 75 %**
- **Strip, paint & decorate entrance – 50 %**
- **Minor internal works, extra masonry – 25 %**
- **Surrounds to the windows were being installed**
- **Mock-up windows would be made and tested with sprayed water to check water-tightness. The process for cleaning windows in relation to safety and practicality was being examined**
- **A new entrance door would be installed to replace existing which was beyond economical repair**
- **The exterior colour for the monument would be light grey**
- **During the recent on-site meeting, a number of names had been observed, carved into the stonework on the inside and near the top of the monument. It has been established that these are names of past arctic explorers**
- **The Quantity Surveyor will provide a revaluation of the monument (re-build cost) post restoration for insurance purposes**
- **A representative from Radio Cumbria had been on site to cover progress to date**
- **The project remains on schedule at the present time**




UPDATE 09 NOVEMBER 2009 – No. 8

- Making stone handrail – complete
- Fit imbedded sandstone handrail – 80 %
- Restoring existing handrails – 90 %
- Re-building lantern – complete
- Strip, paint & redecorate entrance – 50 %
- Minor internal works, extra masonry – 85 %
- Fit copper cladding to dome – 25 %
- Painting of external shaft – 80 %
- Repair steps – 40 %
- Refit steel decks – 40 %
- Windows – water pressure testing of a mock-up window in hand.
- Steel platform – considered to be over engineered and the cross beams will be removed as they are not required and look unsightly.
- Interior – drying out well.
- Dome above entrance chamber – render finish removed to expose bricks. This finish will be retained.
- English Heritage enhanced project on bottom plinth – intend new coat of render on top of existing. Looking at right mixture of sand/cement that will provide the best aesthetic effect for the ‘string courses’.
- The inclusion of this enhancement to the monument is likely to extend the completion of the overall project beyond the Easter period. Timescales to be confirmed after further planning of this phase.
- Continue to be very satisfied with progress to date and standard of conservation work and attention to detail
- Audience Development Plan – visit to Leasowe Lighthouse on the Wirral very useful and provided a number of good ideas on how to present the monument. Training sessions for volunteers in “Welcome Host”, First Aid and Health & Safety being investigated
- Further update photographs of the restoration will appear on the Town Council website shortly.


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UPDATE 7 DECEMBER 2009 – No. 9

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- fit copper cladding to dome – 85 %
 - paint external shaft – 80 %
 - remove existing handrails – complete
 - restore existing handrails – complete
 - fit imbedded sandstone handrail – 95 %
 - repair stone steps – 90 %
 - refit steel decks – 90 %
 - strip, paint & redecorate entrance – 50 %
 - minor internal works, extra masonry – 90 %
 - dismantle external scaffold – 10 %
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- the copper cladding is virtually complete apart from the very top of the dome.
 - holes have been drilled for ventilation louvers below all the windows.
 - sealing test of the windows has been carried out on a mock-up version at the workshop. Seals will need replacing periodically, possibly every 5 to 7 years and will be included in the Maintenance Plan, post restoration.
 - external painting – two layers of fibre glass matting, two undercoats, then two top coats. Up to 3 consecutive dry days are needed to complete the external painting.
 - Programme – contractors will provide new works schedule to take into account the additional work relating to the English Heritage project. Completion time for the entire project likely to be June 2010.
 - Additional photographs of the restoration have been included on the Town Council website:
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UPDATE 15 JANUARY 2010 – No. 10

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- **fit copper cladding to dome – complete**
 - **paint external shaft – complete**
 - **remove existing handrails – complete**
 - **restore existing handrails – complete**
 - **fit imbedded sandstone handrail – complete**
 - **Refit restored handrails – 35 %**
 - **repair stone steps – complete**
 - **refit steel decks – complete**
 - **Internal masonry to shaft – complete**
 - **Paint internal shaft and entrance – 30 %**
 - **dismantle external scaffold – 10 %**
 - **dismantle internal scaffold – 10 %**
 - **procurement of ‘stone string’ – 25 %**
 - **Works to basement – 10 %**
 - **Intention is to install storage heaters in the basement as soon as possible so that the monument inside is really dry before internal painting.**
 - **Programme –new schedule to take into account the additional work relating to the English Heritage project has been issued. This includes:**
 - **procurement of remaining stone ‘string’**
 - **adapting lower scaffold**
 - **cut and make stone ‘string’ course**
 - **fix ‘string’ course**
 - **render between ‘string’**
 - **dismantle scaffold**
 - **works to entrance**
 - **clear site**
 - **Audience Development Programme :**
 - **Project & Marketing plan are on track**
 - **Operational & Training plan in hand**
 - **Official Open Day – planned for Saturday 21 August, with VIPs, invited guests – further details to follow. The monument will be open to the public from July.**
 - **Overall Programme completion date will be end of June/beginning of July.**


UPDATE 12 FEBRUARY 2010 – No. 11

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- **Fit windows to lantern – 80 %**
 - **Refit restored handrails – 35 %**
 - **Paint internal shaft and entrance – 30 %**
 - **dismantle external scaffold – 10 %**
 - **dismantle internal scaffold – 10 %**
 - **procurement of ‘stone string’ – 75 %**
 - **make stone string course – 40 %**
 - **Works to basement – 35 %**
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- **There have been problems with the windows with the bronze and casement fasteners and the seal, but this has been resolved. This has put the programme behind schedule by approx 4 weeks at present, but because of work in other areas, there is room for recovery. The bronze windows look excellent against the stonework.**
 - **A method of preventing condensation on the web camera glass has been found.**
 - **The balustrade detail near the top of the monument where the steps narrow is being addressed by extending the width of the steps with checker plates.**
 - **Measurements have been taken of the Interpretation Space in order to decide on hanging positions for panel displays.**
 - **The basement floor is being examined with regard to availability of headroom and final finish.**

UPDATE 12 MARCH 2010 – No. 12

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- Fit windows to lantern – 100 %
 - Refit restored handrails – 60 %
 - Paint internal shaft and entrance – 30 %
 - dismantle external scaffold – 95 %
 - dismantle internal scaffold – 10 %
 - procurement of 'stone string' – 100 %
 - make stone string course – 60 %
 - Works to basement – 55 %
 - External scaffold virtually all dismantled – delayed by previous problems with the lantern windows. Project completion date now end of July although it is hoped to recover some of the time lost if possible.
 - A neoprene seal has been fitted to the windows by Lambert Walker.
 - Modifications have been made to the top steps to make them wider.
 - The carving design for the stone coat of arms above the entrance door has been agreed.
 - The paint colour (off white) for the inside has been agreed and will work well with the sandstone handrail and stainless steel tubing.
 - The first string course for the English Heritage work has been made.
 - Training for the Monument Keepers being arranged.
 - Arrangements for 'Open Day' Sunday 22 August in hand.
 - A further update on photographs will appear on the Ulverston Town Council website shortly.
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UPDATE 9 APRIL 2010 – No. 13

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- **Refit restored handrails – 85 %**
 - **Paint internal shaft and entrance – 30 %**
 - **dismantle external scaffold – 100 %**
 - **dismantle internal scaffold – 10 %**
 - **adapt lower scaffold – 35 %**
 - **make stone string course – 100 %**
 - **Works to basement – 55 %**

 - **Cutting out for the ‘string’ courses will start 12 April and scaffolding adjusted accordingly.**

 - **Decoration in the basement expected to complete w/c 19 April and joinery work will start w/c 17 May.**

 - **Primer has been applied to the internal shaft in preparation for painting.**


 - **A new entrance door has been made ready for fitting in due course.**

 - **A footfall sensor will be fitted just inside the main entrance.**


 - **The locking arrangements for the external wrought iron gates will be modified.**

 - **Marl International Ltd in Ulverston had kindly offered to contribute in some way to lighting both internally and externally, to include LED lights inside the top of the dome, the interpretation space and possible replacement lamps for floodlighting which would result in lower consumption levels.**

UPDATE 14 MAY 2010 – No. 14

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- Refit restored handrails – 95 %
 - Paint internal shaft and entrance – 80 %
 - dismantle internal scaffold – 10 %
 - adapt lower scaffold – 75 %
 - make stone string course – 100 %
 - Works to basement – 65 %
 - Fix String Course – 35 %
 - Electrical Works – 90 %
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- Internal scaffold will be taken down next week
 - One ‘string course’ inserted, lower one cut out, middle one will be cut out next week. A special render will be applied between the courses.
 - Colour scheme for the entrance chamber to be decided on 1 June.
 - Web cameras a little longer than the thickness of the stone and will project slightly inside the viewing gallery.
 - Lighting arrangements inside the top of the dome have been decided and will be tested soon.
 - Specification for external lighting to be resolved in the near future.
 - Exact details for the interpretation chamber to be confirmed with LEP.
 - ‘Open Day’ arrangements for Sunday 22 August well in hand. A press release will be issued in due course.
 - Internal access for UTC and induction training/set up arrangements will be available from end of July.

UPDATE 18 JUNE 2010 – No. 15

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- **Refit restored handrails – 100 %**
 - **Paint internal shaft and entrance – 80 %**
 - **dismantle internal scaffold – 100 %**
 - **adapt lower scaffold – 100 %**
 - **cut out for stone string course – 100 %**
 - **Works to basement – 90 %**
 - **Fix stone string Course – 80 %**
 - **Render between string course – 35 %**
 - **Electrical Works – 95 %**
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- **Colour scheme in entrance chamber agreed**
 - **Oak flooring in entrance chamber being installed**
 - **Light in lantern to be set up as soon as possible**
 - **Storage heater to be fitted in basement**
 - **Requirements for the interpretation chamber in hand**
 - **Marl International Ltd (Ulverston) providing LED lighting in the Interpretation Chamber and for floodlighting**
 - **Webcams to be fitted**
 - **Modifications to locks on external entrance gate to be agreed**
 - **Project will be completed in all aspects and site cleared by 15 August**

UPDATE 23 JUNE 2010 – No. 16

- Recent poor weather had affected the application of render above the lower string course. However, the Contractors confirmed that all would be completed in time for Open Day on 22 August and the site would be cleared by 16 August
- The Lantern Light fitting had been approved. There would be a raise and lower winch facility with a detachable handle, controlled by the Keepers
- Access for the Monument Keepers for Induction Training would now be available w/c 16 August
- Colour samples for the Entrance Chamber had been approved
- The web cam fittings were confirmed
- The following arrangements for the Entrance Chamber were in hand :
 - desk/worktop for keepers
 - additional fold down seating
 - additional lighting – 2 uplighters
- Paint internal shaft and entrance – 85 %
- Works to basement – 98 %
- Fix stone string course – 100 %
- Render between string course – 85 %
- Dismantle lower scaffold – 60 %
- Works to entrance – 70 %
- Electrical works – 98 %
- At the onsite meeting on 23 July, the Architect and Contractors were thanked for all their work during the project and the excellent communication with the Council, Working and Steering Group and the Community in Ulverston.
- A further follow-up bulletin report will be issued after 'Open Day' on 22 August.

