



Maintenance Dredging of the Millennium Ribble Link

The works involved the dredging of the Millennium Ribble link, which links the River Ribble to the Lancaster Canal at Preston, Lancashire. The link had suffered severe flooding during the winter of 2003 / 2004 and this had caused severe sedimentation to the channel and scour to by-wash weirs resulting in the link becoming un-navigable. Further rain prior to commencement resulted in significant additional siltation requiring the whole length of the link to be dredged. Additionally there was a limited water supply due to major works on the Lancaster canal and concurrent works to repair the by-wash weirs, causing low water levels and reduced dredging efficiency.

Despite this restriction Land & Water staff liaised closely with local British Waterways personnel to ensure that limited supplies were utilised efficiently. Ironically the site was subjected to severe flooding during the progress of the works (see photograph below), however the prime Client objective for completion and opening the canal to traffic was successfully delivered on time and within budget.

Client

British Waterways

Works Description

BW National Dredging Contract

Project Value

£124,576.00

Project Start Date

01/03/2004

Project Completion Date

02/04/2004

