Warwick Bridge Mill Progress June 2019

The cleaned, conserved and repaired kiln bars returned to site with the engineers and new support steelwork was installed across the kiln below the existing supporting ironwork. Pockets were cut in the stonework to accommodate the new steel beams.



Installing the new support steelwork below the original wrought iron beams With the new support in place the repaired wrought iron bars were reinstalled in their original locations.



Pointing in the reinstated wrought iron bars. New ribbon partly re-instated

Better sections of the badly corroded wrought iron ribbon, which formed the top layer of support for the kiln tiles, were salvaged for reinstatement in the area of the kiln deck which will be shown to visitors.



Matthew straightening a section of ribbon for re-use

A small area of Hurst Floor paving was lifted and re-bedded to provide a level landing at the foot of the newly installed staircase leading to the Stone Floor.



Repair underway to the Hurst Floor paving and new fixings for the staircase

A new landing, steps and floor have been installed in the space to the east of the kiln, which will give Karen a useful workshop space in the future.



New landing, steps and floor to the east of the kiln

As new or refurbished joinery has been installed around the building final pointing repairs to adjacent stonework have been completed.



Pointing around window opening in the kiln

A successful heritage skills event introduced participants to stone carving and repointing with lime mortars.



Heritage skills event participants try their hand at stone carving

A trench was excavated from the eastern extension to the mill alongside the head race for cabling to provide power and data to the new sluice gate mechanism.



Cable trench approaching the escape sluice position