

Field Report - 2023-2024 Season - November 2024

(1) Ski Season

7 days skiing but poor conditions due to thin coverage and quickly rising temperatures. Accordingly were unable to open up very bottom of B Tow because of conditions.

(2) Maintenance (Billy W and Bill S)

Both tractors and pulleys running smoothly. General maintenance carried out including greasing of pulleys.

(3) A Tow Top Trestle

Nowadays we are frequently operating under softer ground conditions. As a result the stakes holding the trestle support rope occasionally get pulled out of the ground when the main tow rope is under high tension. This results in the whole tow rope collapsing. Accordingly Mike H has now concreted the stakes into the ground. Bill S also refixed the wooden and metal sections of the trestle.

(4) Tows Up/Down and Strimming

Thanks to all helpers, especially to Ron J for strimming and particularly clearing access to huts and to Rob P for providing a Quad Bike and trailer to ease workload. We have just put the tows up for next season and had an excellent turnout. Thanks to all and for Gareth for bringing his 4x4 Pick Up which was a really great help.

(5) C Hut Repairs/Main Cabin Painting

Still to be completed. All gear in hut has been protected with tarp covers.

(6) General Tidy Up

Big improvement. Still to move any unwanted items to tip, and those required but infrequently used (eg floodlighting equipment) up to C Hut (when repaired).

(7) Memorial Seat

Was used and very popular. Elizabeth Dent and daughters have been contacted. They very much approve of the seat and are considering appropriate wording on the plaque.

(8) Accident Reporting - A Tow Rope twisting

We are still concerned as to why A Tow rope tends to twist quite noticeably and could cause clothes to get trapped resulting in an accident. Billy W checked and tested levels and angles of rope by repositioning of pulleys etc but was unable to resolve the problem. This coming season we will assess the effect of different tension levels.

(9) Snow Boards and Boots

We have acquired a few more boots and boards of various sizes from both members and from a ski centre in Runcorn.