

places foul water was gaining access to the supply by inflow from adjacent farm land."

(County Borough of Preston Waterworks, June 1952)

Preliminary estimates for an alternative pipeline were abandoned due to the cost and eventually it was decided to restore the existing culvert. The Concrete Proofing Company re-lined a trial length of the culvert at New Laund Farm, Whitewell, with reinforced concrete, using what was known as the 'Guniting Process'. The Guniting pumps and pipes had to be cleaned of cement every evening and some local farmyards were concreted with this salvaged cement.

Work began on this project in April 1949. Leagram Hall was rented by the contractors and used as administrative offices and stores. Once again local people were employed.

Work was completed in June 1952 and at the time was believed to have been the biggest work of its kind ever to be undertaken in Britain.



Hareden Huts, Forest of Bowland. c1920

Chipping History Society has a copy of this photograph and some of the people involved have been identified.