

Newport Forest

January 11 2004

4:40 - 5:35 pm

Weather: prec. 15 mm; snowing; calm; LM -3° C; FCF -3° C

Purpose: to check bridge and put it up, if possible

Participants: Kee and Nic

Thanks to the recent flooding. we lost three sections of the bridge deck, two tethered, one not. Shinnying our way across the open sections, we got to the far side and put the ramp up against the Ash by the path at the top of the bank.

We filled the birds feeders and put seeds and peanuts out for the deer and other mammals, having forgotten to bring dog biscuits and shelled corn.

We walked to the River Landing, where we were very surprised to see two GBHs flap majestically up from the rapids, where they had been fishing. This has got to be a record of some kind!

Although some pack ice has formed, jamming the upstream bend, the river had a clear lead all the way downstream and around the point bar.