



Allen Ashworth, Mark Sweeney and Dennis Wright emerge from the ancient tunnel at Alvingham after another session clearing out tons of silt.

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Restoring the water supply

Workmen from Mariner Underwater Engineering Services in Grimsby been engaged by the Anglian Water Authority to clear out a 40 yard tunnel at Alvingham which supplies water to the nearby mill.

However, this is not just any old tunnel but was actually built in the 19th century by navigators of the Louth canal.

For hundreds of years the mill at Alvingham has been supplied with water from the River Lud but when the canal was built engineers had a problem supplying water from the Lud on the south side of the canal to the mill on the north side.

The only option for the navigators was to build a tunnel which traversed the canal underneath the waterway they were to build.

The result was the tunnel which we see today, but over the years hundreds of tons of silt has built up and the water supply to the mill has all but dried up, so under an ancient right to supply water to the mill the A.W.A. had to clear out the tunnel to restore the water supply.

The work was expected to take over a week.