

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work party on Old Wherry Pub quay heading.

Date: Sunday 29nd June 2014

From: C. J. B. Black, NW&DCT and EAWA

THE PLAN: To continue the installation work on the new quay heading beside the garden of the Old Wherry Pub. This involves installing 7 tie rod timbers beneath soil level on the edge of the garden and the tie rods plus installation of a 2' wide timber walkway at the quay edge.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather dire first thing with very heavy rain which cleared around 10am to reveal a warm, fine, day. Nine volunteers arrived and following a short discussion regarding the scope of the work we started work by unloading the timbers.

Most urgent was the task of digging the holes for the tie rod timbers. Laurie had a power hole-borer which helped but it came down to the trusty spade to dig deep enough. The soil was very hard with chalk and stones. It took the best part of the day to complete the holes and installation of the tie rods.

Whilst this was taking place Jerry volunteered his large digger to push in the supporting vertical timbers for the walkway edge rails. This was a great help and allowed us to install several of the 2' boards on top. With these nailed down the whole structure became very stable.

We cleared up the site leaving it tidy and now all that remains is to complete the boarding on top, backfill the quay heading with wood chips and replenish the topsoil adjacent to the walkway.

It was a very productive day.

The work party was ceased at approx 16.00

Chris Black, Work Party Leader