

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd.

Subject: Work-party at Bacton Wood Lock.

Date: Sunday 5th July 2015

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

THE PLAN:

- To mow the surrounds of the lock.
- To remove the small trees growing in upper mouth of the lock.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The morning was sunny and warm but the weather forecast was not favourable as from late morning onwards there was the likelihood of heavy rain showers.

Seven volunteers turned out and we set about grass cutting and strimming around the lock, removing any self seeded Alders and wild buddleja bushes. The track leading to the lock was mown using our recently acquired 'Harry' mower.

Some of the work-party was set to work in the lock mouth looking for self sown trees etc., which they removed. The grass and weeds were quite high and difficult to cut with the trimmer, however a good start was made on the clearance but the forecast rain eventually appeared and just got so heavy that I called a halt to the work-party.

We were soaked and with little prospect of dry weather until later in the day it was decided that the work would cease.

It proved to be the wise thing to do as the rain remained heavy and didn't clear quickly.

At approximately 11.30 the end of work was called, much to the relief of all. Despite the short work period the lock looked much better for the tidy-up. We didn't manage to mow the east side of the lock because of the heavy rain and this will have to be cleared at a later visit.

Chris Black, Work Party Leader.