

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work-party on NE bank of canal near Pigneys Wood nature reserve.
Date: Sunday 7th August 2016.
From: Chris Black, NW&DCT.

THE PLAN:

- To assist with the filming of work on the canal section required for the award ceremony of the Canal & River Trust's 'Living Waterways Awards', our entry having achieved finalist status.
- To continue the seeding of the NE bank of the canal, working downstream from the previously sown area of bank.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: Yet again the weather was very warm, sunny, slightly tempered by a light wind from the SW. 16 volunteers turned out, an even better showing for mid-summer. The film crew arrived early and were eager to know what task the work-party was undertaking today. The plan was for me to show them areas of the section for filming so we started at Swafield Bridge and worked our way downstream to Spa Common. Following a brief interview with me standing in front of the Bacton Wood Lock upper gates we walked back to Swafield, stopping for the film crew take some footage of the work-party in action - which included a short interview with Laurie and David Revill. We then drove to Ebridge and as luck would have it we were greeted by the sight of a young lad sailing on the millpond, made rather spectacular as the breeze had picked up! From our point of view this was excellent footage to demonstrate the leisure use of the canal.

Whilst the filming was taking place the work-party had been working hard near Pigneys Wood continuing the task of levelling and clearing more of the tined surface before seeding the bank. Despite the heat they had lit a couple of fires to burn the detritus.

The weather was very hot so a break for lunch at approx. 12.15 was most welcome.

As Mary was feeling OK I stayed on for another hour or so to help but eventually left at about 14.00 – only to be stopped by a party of three people walking down the opposite bank. They were really keen to know more about the canal restoration and readily signed our petition.

Work ceased at approx. 15.30
Chris Black, work-party leader.