

NWDCT Work Party of Sunday 22nd January 2017

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As mentioned in the work party report there were four tasks to be carried out, hence a bumper crop of pictures to illustrate all the areas of work.

Most of the work party had to relocate from Royston Bridge to Bacton Wood Lock at the start of the day, so while we were regrouping I took a frosty view of Bacton Wood Lock and a view downstream from Spa Common Bridge of the Ebridge pound.



The two new bottom gates were outside the workshop, and the trailer to be converted to a flat-bed was next to it.



Work soon progressed on one side of the trailer, which was the easier one to remove.



The planks for the gate were already cut, so they were laid out on the gate and the fixing holes drilled through them almost as quick as the positions were marked on the planks.

Meanwhile, the second (heavy) side of the trailer was prepared for removal.



Back on the gate, the planks were removed so that the pilot holes could be drilled out to full depth.



Work on the trailer was completed meaning all were assembled around the gate ready for the next stage.

Sealant was applied to the edges of the planks as well as the gate cross-members, two guns speeding up the process.



The planks were then finally fitted, tapped down as necessary, and coach screws installed ready for tightening

Bacton Wood Lock



Finally, the work party returned to Bacton Wood Lock, where the two footbridges were for now both placed across the tail of the lock.



After discussing the progress made and the next moves, it only remained to take a final view looking up through the lock with the two footbridges in place.



**Bacton Wood Lock on the North Walsham and Dilham Canal
Ready for the installation of the second pair of new gates
Courtesy of the grant received from the Tesco “Bags of Help” & Groundworks
Community Projects.**

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