

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work-parties on the Bacton Wood pound/reach spillway
Date: Saturday 20th May & Sunday 21st May
From: Chris Black, NW&DCT.

THE PLAN:

-To continue bricking the back sloping face of the spillway.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: Day 1: The day was warm and dry, but heavy showers and thunder possible in the afternoon. 8 volunteers turned out and as they were now familiar with the H & S requirements on this site they got to work to resume the laying of bricks on the back slope of the spillway. 'Ivan's team' set out to brick ahead of the rear team by 18 bricks so that there was room to comfortably lay bricks without getting in each other's way. The vertical run at the last session was not quite square so we set the mortar spacing on the bottom brickwork of the 'rear team's' end to be fatter so as to meet up square with Ivan's brickwork. It was hot, gruelling work - especially on the knees.

At approx. 12.30 we called lunch.

After lunch we resumed bricklaying and eventually the rear teams brickwork met up with Ivan's and with it now back to square the final course of bricks fitted snugly in the remaining gap. The joints were filled and the excess mortar swept off. The base of the brickwork was cemented in and the spillway cleared and swept. All the tools, buckets and the mixer were washed down in readiness for the Sunday work-party to continue. The forecast rain arrived just as we were leaving site.

Work ceased at 16.30

Day2: Ivan in charge of work-party so following is a summary of his report.

10 volunteers turned out today so laid some 450 bricks. Now about 60% covered and could be completed in a weekend if volunteers worked a little later in the day.

Worked ceased at ?

*Laurie asked Ivan to pass on the following. He states that if the water is back (I assume he means in the Ebridge reach) he would like a work-party to take a boat up to where the willows are growing across the canal. They need cutting back to allow boats to be taken up the canal on the Open Weekend.

*Sat 3rd June. People needed **early** to help load material and the tents for the Open Days – at lock up at Spa Common.

*Sat/Sun 17th & 18th June work at Royston spillway to complete the brickwork and the concreting of the raised lip at the northern end of the spillway. He will leave everything ready to complete the task.

Chris Black,
Work party leader.