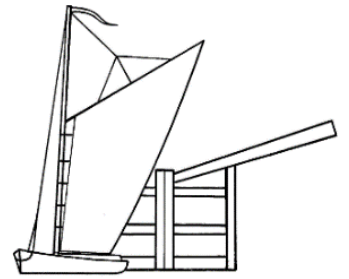


North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust

Restoration Update - June 2017



The NW&DCT are assisting the Old Canal Company with the restoration of the Upper Canal from Ebridge Lock to Swafield Bridge.

Recent work has included the clearing of a third of Purdy's Marsh and soke as part of the mitigation plan. Here, with the help of an advisor from a local Wildlife Trust, habitat restoration along with the re-watered canal will enhance the connectivity of areas of sedge fens and reed-bed. It is hoped to attract Swallowtail butterflies through the establishment of Milk Parsley using green hay from a donor site.

The Trust has a licence for trial re-watering of the dry section at Royston, and present work party efforts are concentrating on the re-building of Royston Spillway to enable water level control.

On the Ebridge Reach, work is ongoing with bank stabilisation close to the culvert entrance. This culvert is blocked (possible collapse of the original timber framework) and later this year will require replacing with more modern materials in conjunction with the IDB. In August, two work camps are to be held, working to replace the rendering (placed there as part of the War Department's work on Defence Line No 1 in 1941) of the spillway, and possibly start on the repairs to Ebridge lock brickwork. Prior to that work to allow maintenance machinery access to the east bank will be undertaken.

Please enjoy the restored Canal, feel free to boat, walk, fish with rod licence (not during close season), or just sit and enjoy. However, this is a canal under restoration, and at times the levels will be adjusted to allow for further restoration and maintenance work to take place.

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