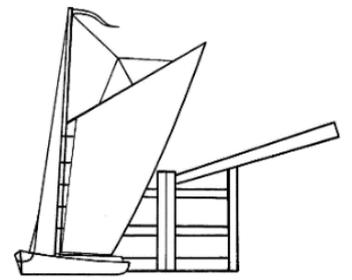


# North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust

## Restoration Update - August 2017



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

With the help of the local Norfolk Wildlife Trust Conservation Officer, work continues at Purdy's Marsh and soke as part of the mitigation plan. 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. Himalayan Balsam has overtaken part of the marsh in earlier years and "Balsam Bashing" is ongoing at this time of the year

Following a number of extra work parties, the work of re-building Royston Bridge Spillway has almost been completed. This will enable water level control of the reach. The Trust has a licence for trial re-watering of the dry section at Royston, which should occur later this year.

On the Ebridge Reach, from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August, two work camps are to be held, under the auspices of the National Waterway Recovery Group, 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. Please note that the works will necessitate some changes in water levels.

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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