

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work-party at Ebridge spillway
Date: Sunday 23 July
From: Chris Black, NW&DCT.

THE PLAN:

-To put in place timber groynes along the lower edge.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather was bright and stayed warm and sunny at times until late afternoon when it rained. 10 volunteers turned out which was fortunate as the work was very physical.

As Darren's work-party on Saturday had readied the foot of the spillway for installation of the large timbers we started by cutting the useful lengths out of the groynes before marking up the lap joints ready to be cut. The timber is extremely hard and frequent sharpening of the chainsaws was needed. As the timber is a mix of 9" and 10" square the joints had to be made to present a flush edge on the bricking side. Progress was relatively rapid and we had installed and bolted together approximately half the width of the spillway by lunchtime.

Lunch was called at 13.30

Lunch over we resumed the task and soon reached the installation of the final piece of timber. The volunteers who were laying the timbers did a super job of getting them straight and level, despite some of the groynes being slightly twisted and a mixed size. The original plan to pack out underneath the timbers with cement was replaced by packing out with brick rubble. This removed the possibility of any cement leaking into the back-soke. So With the timber installation finished we tidied up the area, removed all the small pieces of timber and gathered up the tools etc.

The work-party ceased at approx 15.30 as it started to rain hard.

Chris Black,
Work party leader.