

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work party at Briggate Mill Pond

Date: Sunday 26th January 2014

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THE PLAN: To continue the clearance of reeds and weed growth in the bed of the mill pond.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather forecast for Sunday was not good. Heavy rain was predicted to arrive just after 09.00 but fortunately the timing was wrong and we 'enjoyed' a relatively dry couple of hours work time.

Seven hardy souls put in an appearance despite the forecast and we gathered together our hand tools and prepared to extend the cleared area. A high visibility rescue line was placed on the far bank as a safety precaution but the pond is only approximately 2' deep in the area of work. The work party were reminded of the need to take care in the water and on the bank.

Alan and Darren braved the cold water whilst the rest of us worked from the far bank with the long handled tools. Good progress was made however the cold began to sap the hardiest of us. A brief halt was agreed for a warm cup of beverage then work continued until the heavy rain duly arrived just before noon.

It was obvious that we could not continue so the day's work party was terminated. Lunch was taken sitting in our cars and we left the site at approx. 13.00

Hopefully it will be drier next time.

Chris Black,
Acting Work Party Organiser



The first shows the Pill box side of the pond before work started



After an hour work was well in progress



However, by midday the rain, as well as the wind, was making for a day which was feeling both wet and cold, at which point work was stopped.