

## NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd.

Subject: Work Party at Bacton Wood Lock area

Date: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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### THE PLAN.

- to continue to remove trees from the canal below the lock
- to continue painting the pontoon as started on 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

### WORK ACHIEVEMENT

Despite the unfavourable weather forecast, it turned out to be a very dry morning and quite pleasant. With eight (8) volunteers on site a general briefing was given as to the plan of attack. Three elected to carry on with the painting whilst the other 5 went for the trees. Access across the canal was achieved via the floating pontoon and a couple of deals. By 11.30 the paint had been applied to complete the topside of the new pontoon and it was turned upside-down to provide access to deal with the underside. John A used a spade as a scraper to remove the mollusc shells and other debris. It is noticeable (for future reference!) that the spade had the exact diameter to match the curved surface of the pontoon. It makes life a lot easier! There are a few corrective welding jobs to be done here and that should be carried out on the next visit to Bacton Wood Lock on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015, when the painting should also be completed. Lunch break was whistled at 12.40 (old habits die hard) and we sat about on the pontoon in the sunshine. On the tree front, several were cut from the owner's garden and dragged across the canal for reducing into brash and useable wood pieces. Other trees were pulled out of the canal itself and treated similarly. All of the brash was pushed into the chipper machine and the resultant later placed on a suitable site beside the lock. What a smart operation. Looking upstream from the road bridge now gives a marvellous view of the canal, almost back to its original width, and site of the lock, which has not been seen as such is so many, many years. We finally left site at 16.00 hrs.

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