

## NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

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

Subject: Work-party at Bacton Wood Lock.

Date: Sunday 21st June 2015

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### THE PLAN:

- To continue the removal of brash and small trees from the north-east bank.
- To paint the remainder of the pontoon hull.
- To chip the brash and general detritus.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The morning was sunny and warm. Two new volunteers joined the work-party today making a total of 12. With the majority of volunteers on site we discussed the planned work. Three of the volunteers were given the job of finishing the pontoon painting and the remainder set about the brash removal. Because of the time of year we were very watchful for any active bird nests which, if found, would to be left undisturbed. As it turned out there were no nests in the brash and small trees.

At approximately 12.30 the lunch break was called, which was taken on the lock.

We returned to the task in hand as a few large bushes remained to be removed from the north-east bank. It was not an easy task as it required venturing onto the floating mat of reed, which looked solid but required careful thought before putting any weight on any part of it bearing in mind that the canal with deep silt was beneath it and H&S was paramount! The small trees and brash had to be pulled across the canal to be chipped, fortunately not by hand as we had machinery to do the hard work.

Some of the smaller brash was burnt on the east bank and that area was made tidy before we left. The south-west bank access track was also cleared of the remaining brash and any timber deemed usable for firewood was cut up and stacked.

The last four volunteers left at approx. 16.30, weary but satisfied that the remaining brash etc. had been cleared.

Chris Black, Work Party Leader.