

Date 27th and 28th September 2018

Objective

Improve the capacity of the Ebridge spillway

The Plan

Remove the vegetation from the bund above the water level. Remove the reed from the south end of the bund where under water. Reduce the level of the bund in the centre and northern end of the spillway

Work Achievement

There were five volunteers on the Thursday. A brush cutter was used on the bund above water level and vegetation removed to the canal bank. The reeds were pulled from the southern end of the bund and similarly removed to the bank. The exiting channels in the north end of the bund were dug out (hopefully returning the capacity of the spillway to that of last winter). Excavation of the northern end of the bund was commenced.

On Friday 28th there were up to six volunteers but not all could work a full day. The majority of the remaining bund was reduced to below water level (i.e. the level of the top of the spillway.) Unfortunately, being a little short of manpower meant that a small part of the bund remains. The capacity of the spillway should not be too adversely affected by the 'island' but it would be good to reduce all of the bund to below water level at some time in the near future, for aesthetic reasons.



Before



After

The weather was very good on both days.

C H Work party leader