

# North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

## Work Party Report

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Objective:** Cutting reeds at Purdy's Marsh

The work party was split into two. Only two were needed to help finish the work on the new balance beams to the lower gates at Bacton Wood lock (no pictures this time), and the remainder working at Purdy's Marsh to continue the cutting cycle of the reeds.

On arrival at Purdy's Marsh, the Duke of Edinburgh volunteers applied themselves mainly to collecting the cut reeds and adding them to the fire, which was on the same site as before. Darren used the pole trimmer but found it would not cut as low as a brush cutter, as it wanted to ride up over the previously cut area and thus give an increasing high cut. The remaining area towards the canal bank was also cut, leaving some saplings to be removed (including their roots) next time. Work continued after the DoE volunteers had left and by after lunch we had been joined by both the gate volunteers. By 14:45, the open area was looking good; now quite large (although needing further cutting/collecting in areas); the winter sun reveals my shadow in the picture.

Finally, after I had walked the brush mower to the top of the marsh to regain the canal bank, a brief pause in my walk back with it to Bacton Wood Lock for a last view of the site.





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