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Subject: Work-parties at Bacton Wood Lock No 4 and Purdy's Marsh
From: Terry W

Our thanks to the ten volunteers and 11 Duke of Edinburgh students who turned out at Honing Staithe Cut last Sunday, there's no truth in the rumour that it was the attraction of the mulled wine (and seasonal fruit juice for younger ones) and Christmas sweeties that enticed people along to lose weight at the green gym. Our thanks to Terry for acting as WPL who has sent the following report:

Met up at Spa Common, tools all loaded and P.P.E handed out to DofE students. Met up at Honing staithe and all equipment taken down to work site. Johnathon P went round foot path areas and cut grass with mower, while Barry M cut up and removed tree that had fallen down across foot path. With the help of half the DofE children the large mass of brambles was cut back on the bank to expose the bridge. All the under growth where it entered the bridge and small saplings were cut back and removed from the canal where it entered the bridge. A fire was started and all the brash was burnt. At about eleven o'clock tea break was called and Christmas fare was partaken. Using a grappling iron, the rest of the children were pulling out dead branches and reed growth from the staithe cut. Kai and Noah who had stayed on after the rest of the children had been collected, went along the edge of the staithe and cut all the alder saplings down and brought them back and piled them up to one side to be burnt up at a later meeting. Chris B cut some dead branches that had fallen across the mouth of the staithe, these were dragged across cut up and piled up again to be disposed of later. Chris H and Nigel considered designs for their reed collector. Work finished about 3.30pm. Went down to Honing lock with Ivan C and Darren C to evaluate work for the next outing. All tools and equipment taken back to the store and locked up.

Our thanks to everyone who came along - certainly a day where one could see the proceeds of one's endeavours.

The next Sunday Work Party will be in three weeks on Jan 6th with the Thursday WP on the 10th. You may have seen elsewhere our "ad" for a person to lead the restoration of Ebridge Lock. I have attached a copy - please pass, publicise and spread the "word".

Meanwhile, Happy Christmas and let's see even more volunteers after the break, as you use the Canal's Green Gym to back up your New Year's Resolution to lose some inches!

Ivan Cane
Acting Work Party Co-Ordinator