

## NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

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In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

**Date:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Location:** Ebridge Lock.

**Task:** To remove scaffolding and pontoon from lock. Major tidy-up of the area.

**Method:** With the assistance of Laurie Ashton to lift out pontoon.

**From:** Graham Pressman      Photos by Frank.

9.30am - Assembled at the workshop and loaded all the equipment needed on to the tractor and trailer, the large stuff like out board motor and ladders were put onto Laurie's lorry. All proceeded down to Ebridge lock. Fencing barriers were taken down and put across entrance to hinder incoming cars. The team was then split up and one group with the mowers cut all the grass around the soke and car park areas. All the edges etc. were cut with the strimmer. The second group went down the ladder onto the pontoon and attached the chains onto the scaffold tower and Laurie lifted it out on to the bank where it was dismantled and stacked to one side. The pontoon was then shackled up and hoisted out. This was then brought down to the other side of the lock and lowered in to the water where all the scaffolding, spare fencing, planks and a lot of scrap metal etc was loaded on to it. On fitting the outboard motor to the pontoon, it was found that the engine had seized up, the spark plug was removed and I filled the bore with two stroke and we left it to soke in while we had lunch.

After lunch the two-stroke had worked and the engine freed off and started. The telegraph pole that was lying on the ground was lifted on to the lorry and was brought back to the base by Laurie. We then set off on the pontoon and cut back all the overhanging trees and debris and loaded it on and took it all back to the base. All the cut branches were piled up ready for burning on another day. Scaffolding was stacked alongside the containers.

All equipment was put away for the day. Finished at 4pm.



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