

## North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

### WORK PARTY REPORT

**Date:** Sunday 26th September 2021  
**Objective:** Clear Honing Staithe Canal Walk and parts of Honing Staithe  
**Report:** Terry Willoughby, Work Party Leader

A number of volunteers met up at 9.00am at the workshop and loaded up the DR mower, two lawn mowers, strimmer's and hand tools. On arrival at site, it was plain to see that the staithe and canal walk were completely over grown and impossible to get through. We unloaded the tools and used the DR mower to cut a way through to the canal and cleared an area to get a good view of Honing Bridge. A very large tree had fallen down across the canal so a rope was attached to the tree and tractor and after the tree was cut in half using the Work Party Leader's chainsaw (which was busy for the rest of the day). The tree was then towed across on to the bank and was sawn up and stacked.

The DR mower was then put to work and cut its way round the canal path way. There were found to be multiple trees that had fallen across the path in various places. These were all cut up and stacked, with the brash piled up away from the path which when dried out will be burnt at a later date. With the aid of a grappling iron a small branch which was in the canal was hooked and towed out with the tractor, this turned out to be another large tree which emerged from the water. Again, this was cut up and stacked.

This turned out to be a good day's work and the 11 volunteers that attended made the staithe area very tidy and the canal walk useable once again.

Other work achieved in the week included a visit to Bacton Lock on Friday 24th where the Work Party Leader cemented in four new bricks that had been knocked out and thrown into lock. This involved racking out broken mortar in the top of the lock face and injected new mortar with the pointing gun.

On Saturday 25th the Work Party Leader went down to the workshop and replaced a split primer bulb in the carburettor of one of the Trust's mowers and replaced a blocked air filter on the second mower ready for Sunday's work party.



