

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Registered Charity No. 1180474

Work Party Report

Date: Sunday 16th January 2022

Objective/s: Clean and fit side rails and safety chains to the Sue B.
Installation of temporary stairs for swimmers' access
Ebridge lock - stop board removal
Maintenance of the canal banks



Volunteers met at the workshop and loaded the tractor/trailer with all required equipment and set off for Ebridge.

Cleaned down the "Sue B" pontoon and refitted all the side rails and safety chains.

Fitted the out-board motor, replaced faulty spark plug and repaired faulty kill switch.

We pumped out all the water in the stranded work pontoon.

The stair case, supplied by the Jeremy Cushion, had the side hand rails removed and repositioned so as to make a safer exit for the swimmers.

This was loaded on to the "Sue B" and with all volunteers aboard we sailed off to Ebridge.



When we arrived twenty swimmers from Norwich were waiting. We quickly unloaded the stair case and got it in to position, all swimmers marched down and had their swim.

There was an enormous amount of thanks from all swimmers.



Note. The stair case is only in temporary until we put some bank shoring metal work in and then to back fill with clay and soil.



Whilst this was going on some of the other volunteers cut the banksides and slopes raking up and removing all cut vegetation to be burnt later.



(Photo above of stop boards by Glenis Dillon)

Next all the stop boards (above right) and walking planks were removed and put on the pontoon and taken back to the workshop yard to be stacked up.

“Sue B” was then taken back to Ebridge ready for the Boating Officer to put his cutter on.



Rubble was put into a large muddy hollow in the drive way and was rolled down with a volunteer’s car. We visited the weasel site to try to clear up all the smashed wood etc, but the mud was too deep and rutted to work there so we gave up.

We and the volunteers finished work at 3pm.

Finally, a great picture of **Work Party Leader Jonathan Parke** with the Kubota Tractor/Trailer and the volunteer tools, all of which are supported by you and your donations.

Your funds enable the NW&D Canal Trust volunteers to work with and on the Old Canal Company’s section of their canal.

Work Party Leader - Terry Willoughby
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