

# North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

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## Work Party Report

**Date:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Objective/s:** To reinforce Ebridge island front bank. Fit stair case securely.  
Finish repairs to Lock paddle mechanism.

**Location:** Ebridge island

Volunteers met at the usual meeting point.  
We loaded up the tractor and trailer with appropriate tools;  
loaded all the steel pilings onto JC's multicar truck and  
proceeded to Ebridge.

The staircase was removed by JC using the Doosan digger.  
The sheet pilings were then put into place and pushed down  
level with the lock wing wall and taken right round the front of  
the island.



The trailer was then loaded up twice with clay from the pile on the Ebridge main meeting area and was put in behind the steel wall and puddled in to form a seal.

The stair case was then lowered down and made level, this was then bolted to the steel shuttering for security and strength.



An extra wooden step was made and screwed into position and a wooden beam was attached to cover the tops of the steel work to eliminate cuts to swimmer's legs.



Swimmers were not put off by the absence of steps and cold temperatures, they went in from near the spillway.



Dinner was had on the lock side.

JC then levelled the ground from the seats down to the shuttering. This will need a small amount of top soil over the area and grass reseeding when it gets a bit warmer.



At some time, a coat of preservative/stain will give a uniform appearance to the woodwork



<- The new lock paddle roller waiting to being installed behind the lock paddle gear rack.

->The new paddle roller was then fitted and the mechanism shimmed to suit. Parts all greased up and now working correctly.



MW and AB cut up all the pulled-out willows from the breach area from yesterday.

Ensuring the steps are secure.

*(Photo by CH)*

All tools were returned to the workshop.

11 volunteers assisted.

Finished at 3.30pm.

**Report and photos by Work Party Leaders, Terry Willoughby and Alan Bertram**



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