

# North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

## Work Party Report

**Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Location:** Above Bacton Wood Lock

which being the 'dry' bit of the canal will look a whole lot better when it has been filled with water – better to look at; better for the wild-life (both flora and fauna) and better for us mere mortals, walking beside it for exercise in the fresh air.

**Objective:** To clear all alder saplings, gorse bushes etc

The volunteers arrived at the workshop at 9.00am. We loaded the tractor and trailer, and with hand tools etc proceeded to the work site above Bacton Wood lock,

Jeremy C (The OCC), using his Doosan clawed down all the brambles from the mill race entrance and along the high bank at the base of the wildlife meadow exposing piles of greenheart wood and steel girders.



All was collected and put on to the dumper; some of these were so long they had to be chain-sawed in half. This was then taken down to the workshop yard.

Alan B and John R with the DR mower were cutting all the long grass from the lock gates right up to and including the area where we were on the last work party.



Cliffy C turned up with his tractor and grass cutter and cut all the grass path way from Spa Common up to Royston bridge.

Branches from previously cutback hawthorns along the mill race were collected and stacked and a fire was started, this was also fed from all the arising's during the day.



Lunch was taken sitting atop of the lock bank about 12.30pm.



After lunch Jeremy C went all along the bank face removing all alder roots and reprofiled bank as he went.

Frank B and others hand dug any small sapling roots in the canal bottom.



Work finished at 4pm after all tools were put away.

8 Trust Volunteers assisted Jeremy C, of the Old Canal Company, with this weekend's work.

**The NW&D Canal Trust is always looking for more volunteers at work parties.**

*Report and photos received from the work party leaders Terry W and Alan B.  
Report edited for the website by JK.*



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Your donations and NW&D Canal trust membership subscriptions, especially for this work party went toward

- the maintenance and fuel for the trust tractor as used to transport large branches
- All the maintenance tools as used by our volunteers
- the safety gear as worn by our volunteers
- the Chain-Saw and refresher training course for our chain-saw handlers.
- Including the neon tabards as sponsored by the Recruiting Sergeant .PH. at Coltishall.

**Many costs are also borne by the Old Canal Company, their work colleagues and neighbours**

**THANK YOU TO YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT HELPING US ALL WITH THE CANAL RESTORATION PROGRAMME.**