

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Work Party Report

Date: Sunday 10th July 2022

Location: Bacton Wood Lock

Objective/s: To remove saplings, buddleias and elder bush

Originally the work party was going to split with one group burning the reed on Purdy's Marsh, but as it was tinder dry, I decided to abandon this for fire safety reasons.

Work commenced at the wooden bridge with pulling up all the saplings along the side of the soke. These were cut up as they pulled up, and taken to the fire site above the lock gates

It was getting hotter with the sun blazing down so I got a five-gallon water container and cups and took to the work place to keep the volunteers hydrated.

The digger worked its way right up past the lock and about another 100 meters past it. Stopped for lunch in the shade of the workshop.

JC arrived with his tractor and flail cutter and during the afternoon he cut the banks on both sides all the way to Swafield.

All the tree roots that were left were collected up and burnt, if possible, otherwise were stacked up to dry out the muddy root balls to burn later. MW got across the soke and was pulling Balsam all the afternoon, leaving a small section for AB to tackle later as it was too wet for her to get into.

At the end of the day CH levelled off the ground from the lock down to the wooden bridge.

Cliffy C had during the week grass seeded the section that we levelled off behind the workshop, and even with all this heat you could see a green swath coming through.

All equipment was put away and work finished at 3pm (Exhausted).

9 volunteers & 1 Old Canal Company were working today.

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