

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Work Party Report

Date: Sunday 24th July 2022

Location: Ebridge Millpond. Happisburgh Rd, White Horse Common, Nth Walsham.

Objective/s: Tidying the canal bank and opening up the fishing access areas

Volunteers arrived early at the workshop, loaded up the tractor and trailer with all necessary tools and equipment, and drove down to Ebridge.

SL took the brush cutter and cut the grass down the steps on the other side of the (Ebridge) road bridge and removed some odd bits of Balsam.

Before



After



Whilst that was in progress, on the other side of the road, the fishermen's access points were opened up and the reed was cut down in the water to make it easier for them to cast out. All the cuttings were raked out of the water and stacked up.



For AB it took most of the hot morning to take the DR brush mower up the west bank, and on return finding much more cutting had been completed.

SL returning from strimming fishing access areas.



We stopped for lunch early, as the heat was overwhelming, so sat in the shade of the workboat Weasel.

After lunch JR finished off the centre of the pathway with the DR mower.



← JP cutting with the DR mower the east bank up to the spillway.

The DR was then taken down and the grass was cut along the top of the bank where the “Sue B” is moored.

A welcome return from volunteer Ed Cubitt, visiting to assist the NW&DC Trust once again. Ed was in the area visiting his parents. Ed pictured ->



Below: The grass was cut along the road side and around the steel pipe fencing.

Area opposite Ebridge mill after mowing.



There were too many visitors at the meeting area to do any more maintenance, so we stopped work at 2.30pm, feeling exhausted due to the heat.

All equipment was taken back and tidied away.

10 NW&DC Trust volunteers attended

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