North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Work Party Report

Date: **Sunday 5th February 2023**

Location: **Bacton Wood Lock**

Objective/s: **To raise the height of the ground so as to be able to operate lock beam.**

Method: To push in steel shuttering to hold back soil and build up level.

Arrived at workshop 9am, loaded trailer with ten piling/shuttering sheets and took these up to Bacton Wood lock. Jeremy C arranged two diggers.

Alan B took the DR mower, north of the lock, mowing the canal as far as the crossing to the east bank.

JC using the mini digger dug a trench from the lock wall out to the path.

JC and the trust volunteers then lowered the sheet pilings, and using the Doosan digger they were pushed down into the ground.

These will then hold back the extra earth that will be needed to raise the height by about three feet to allow operation of the lock beam.

We all stopped for lunch in the workshop when John Parker turned up and we watched the latest videos that Jonno had taken of previous work parties.

After lunch JC removed all excess spoil along the edge of the path and back soke and pushed it up on to the pilings.

Steve L removed the operating bar from the top paddle as the other side bar is missing Steve E is going to use this as a pattern to fabricate a new one.

Work finished at 3.30pm.

Report by Terry W with photos by Alan B. Editor JK.

7 Trust volunteers assisted Jeremy Cushion of the Old Canal Company.

If you are interested in helping at any work party,
please contact us using the 'contact us' form available on our website
https://nwdct.org/contact-us/

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