

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Work Party Report

Date: Sunday 14th May 2023

Location: Briggate Lock area.

Task: Clear area to west of lock and upstream wing walls for future detailed inspection.

Plan: To cut area approximately 7-8m wide strip on west side of lock chamber. Clear upstream wing walls and area in between, access from west side only at this stage. Roadside to be cut trimmed to allow limited parking for work parties. Halo to be cut around stand of sedge to highlight presence and reduce any risk of being accidentally cut. Remove bramble as far as possible which is sedge stand. All cut material to be collected up and burnt if conditions permit

BRIGGATE Lock 'before' volunteers commenced and BRIGGATE lock area 'after'



Report:

- **West of lock** - initial cut made, and upstream west wing wall cleared. A further cut with DR mower in a month or so will be needed. Trimming to top/coping stones on west side to be completed. Further work needed to complete partial clearance of east upstream wing wall.
- **Sedge stand** – bramble cut out as far as possible although we weren't sure as to where the bramble had grounded. Sedge stand area cut around it to highlight it.



- **Roadside** – most of roadside brambles/grass cut and mown, some remains to be done at west end, and on pond side of same barrier/wall. Old mill entry partly cut, but needs to be further cut to increase parking area.
- Cut material piled up in several locations, to be collected together for burning when conditions permit. Fencing left as securely as possible alongside road.



Report and photos by
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8 volunteers helped to make a difference at this work party location

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