

# North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

## Work Party Report

**Date:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Locations:** 1. Ebridge dry dock (Weasel)  
2. Spa Common

**Task:** 1. Refit digger arm and refit hydraulic hoses.  
2. Clear and burn all arisings from previous clearance.

### Ebridge dry dock – 1<sup>st</sup> group of volunteers

- With the aid of the teleporter the original digger arm was attached to Weasel with the new bolts and spacers, all the main hydraulic hoses were fitted apart from the four clam bucket hoses that had been crushed.
- A volunteer cleaning Weasel's windows.
- The vessel was then put back into the water but after a while it was seen to be taking on water coming in around the rudder tube.
- Photo viewed through the reeds as the leaking rudder tube was being examined.
- The vessel was then pulled out of the water using the combination of the telehandler and tractor.
- This will need some fabrication at a future date. Weasel, the vessel was secured using the new locks.



- The first group finished work at 5.30pm.

*Note: The Old Canal Company own Weasel and the NW&DC Trust leases the vessel.*

### Spa Common – 2<sup>nd</sup> group of volunteers:

- The other half of the volunteers group went down the canal bank from Spa Common, cut up all the arisings from a previous work party and burnt the lot.
- After lunch the Spa Common volunteers joined the Ebridge dry-dock volunteers.



- Picture of a new bench at Ebridge, installed on an earlier occasion, at present looking higher than usual as it is set to allow for raising of the bank in the future.
- All volunteers finished work and returned tools at 1.30pm.



In total 9 Trust volunteers helped at both locations.

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