

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Work Party Report

Date: Sunday 11th June 2023

Location: Swafield Locks

Objective/s: To clear brambles between locks on the upper section of the canal.

BEFORE



AFTER



We arrived at the workshop at 9.00am where we loaded all tools into my trailer and drove to Swafield, where the other volunteers were assembled. We took all tools down to the lock in the canal owners' tractor and trailer.

Derek B using the electric brush cutter cut the entrance to the lock and then worked his way through to the other end. With Alan B, Frank B and myself, we removed all ivy and other vegetation from the lock walls.



We stopped for lunch at 1.00pm, where the owner had set up tables and chairs and then were served a lovely chicken curry, with scones and cream for dessert.



Chris H arrived and strimmed all the other side of the lock top exposing all the brick work.

All the brash, ivy and small trees were burnt up at the far end. The really wet green vegetation that was removed from the bottom of the lock was spread out on the bank so as it could dry up and be burnt at a later date.

We finished at 4.00pm and returned all tools to the work shop.

7 Trust volunteers helped the canal owners at this location.



Words by Terry Willoughby, Alan Bartram took the photos and Julie Kelleher edited.

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