

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Light Craft Navigation project - work party

Date: 2nd November 2023

Location: Spa Common

Objective:- take delivery of sectional units and auxiliary equipment for pontoons and platforms, assemble pontoon and platform.

Work Party report

The weather was not as bad as forecast but was still not good.

The sectional pontoons were preassembled in 2m x 2.5m blocks and transported in five layers and were quickly offloaded using the Hiab to the location agreed with the OCC.

The piles for locating the platforms were also craned off. The Hiab was used to off load the auxiliary equipment (eg outboard motor brackets, pins, tools etc) from Pontoon and Dock's pick up and trailer. These were subsequently re stacked onto the old lorry bed to help contain them and keep the yard access clearer.



The Pontoon and Dock engineer demonstrated how some of the fixings worked.

A 1.5m x 5m platform was assembled in two sections. Six volunteers were able to carry each 2.5m section relatively easily.

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Joining them together on the canal bank was quite challenging – a flat surface is required.

Auxiliary fittings were attached to the platform (pile guides, fenders and cleats).

Some adjustments were required to get the short pins in the correct position.

The whole platform was launched into the canal.



The platform was located with three piles 3.2m long.

Given the weather it was decided not to assemble a pontoon at this work party

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