

North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust

Light Craft Navigation project - work party

Date: 16th November 2023 Location: Ebridge Pound

Objective:- assemble and moor platform at Ebridge Lock, trim alders on west bank of the pound

Work party report

The work was undertaken as planned despite the weather conditions.



A 5m x 1.5m platform was assembled, launched and taken to Ebridge mill pond using the small pontoon. An area of the bank was strimmed back. The platform was placed adjacent to the existing one to form a double platform.



The large pontoon was used to transport a pole pruner and other equipment and four volunteers to the west bank between Spa Common and Ebridge where alders are growing within the channel of the canal. It is notable how far into the channel the alders are.



On its return journey the small pontoon collected some of the useful timber that had been cut and took it to Spa Common. Subsequently the large pontoon was brought back to Spa Common with the equipment and the remainder of the useful timber. The brash was left beside the bank to be dealt with on another (hopefully drier) day.

The numerous young herons did not seem bothered by the activity – the electric outboards, pole pruners and brush cutters are quiet.

This was a very good effort by all especially given the rain. It was nice weather for the many ducks.

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