

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work parties at Royston Bridge and Pigneys Wood area.

Date: Sunday 27th July 2014

From: C. J. B. Black, NW&DCT and EAWA

THE PLAN: To mow the reeds in the winding hole and canal below Royston Bridge and to continue chipping the canal-side brash approaching the Pigneys Wood area.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather was favourable, warm and dry. Seven volunteers arrived (eight including an enthusiastic young lad who arrived at lunch time). The work-party was split into two groups, Ivan and Darren who would mow below Royston Bridge at the request of the Canal Co. and the remainder to sort out the brash to chip near Pigneys Wood area. The usual precautions were taken as the Pigneys Wood party were working near water, albeit shallow, and working with the chipper.

Any useful size timber was recovered and the remainder of the brash cut and laid out to suit loading into the chipper. The weather became increasingly warm so the lunch break was welcomed by all. Ivan and Darren drove up the bank to join us for lunch. A few walkers passed our work party, all with favourable comments. One couple 'lost' on a walk asked 'where is the canal?' only to be met with a volley of arms pointing to the miserable flow of water beside them!

After lunch Ivan and Darren returned to Royston Bridge to trim the banks and the rest of us completed the chipping of the brash.

We cleared the bank of debris and placed any timber to the soke side of the bank to avoid any trip hazard as the bank is a public footpath.

The work party was ceased at approx 15.45.

Chris Black, Work Party leader.