

## NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd.

Subject: Work Party at Bacton Wood Lock area

Date: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

From: Darren Cooke, Deputy Work Party Leader

### THE PLAN.

- to continue to remove trees from the canal below the lock
- to continue painting/strengthen the pontoon as started on 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

### WORK ACHIEVEMENT

Despite the unfavourable weather forecast, it turned out to be a very pleasant morning and we had a good turnout of eleven (11) volunteers on site a general briefing was given as to the plan of attack. The group was split into three:-

1) A pair took Mr Ashton dumper up the canal above the lock to clear the metal and plastic out of the soil which some "kind" person had dumped on the bank.

2) The pontoon team, started to weld additional supports to the deck area and the paint it

3) The rest set about the remaining trees on the far bank and canal bed. Before the cutting could begin the Swans with their nine new signets were allowed down the canal by lifting the pontoon.

All worked continued through the first shower, which arrived about 11:00, with lunch being called at 12:00 in the sunshine around the newly painted pontoon.

After lunch the pontoon was turned upside-down to provide access to deal with the underside and the painting was begun, but unfortunately not completed.

On the tree front, several were cut from the owner's garden and dragged across the canal for reducing into brash and useable wood pieces. Other trees were pulled out of the canal itself and treated similarly. All of the brash was pushed into the chipper machine and the resultant later placed on a suitable site beside the lock. Unfortunately the showers returned about 14:00 and the last tree for the day was cut about 14:30 and the clearing up began

We finally left site at 15.00 hrs.

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