

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work Party at Purdy's Marsh area

Date: Sunday 02 October 2016.

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THE PLAN:

- To clear the detritus from the eastern back-soke
- To burn brash and Himalayan Balsam

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather was good (work party day!) with warm sunshine but sprinkled with a couple of showers just after the lunch break, which was taken earlier on this occasion at 12.00 noon. The owner had brought his Hymach along to speed up the clearance of the ground overgrowth, comprising of a lot of Himalayan Balsam, grasses and other vegetation. This was piled and a fire started by our professional fire-raiser. Quite a large amount of already fallen trees and dried debris were burned and a large area laid fairly flat by the Hymach. There were a couple of stoppages with the Hymach as, on one occasion, she failed to start and a second interruption was caused by an hydraulic pipe failure – both successfully remedied by the owner! One dead tree was removed to the fire from the top of the bank and a couple of others were taken out of the bed of the back-soke.

We welcomed two new-comers to the volunteers in the persons of Chris and Alan, who really fitted in very well. I invited them to return to another work party, to which their reply was 'thank you, we will'. Thank you, gents! The 'A' Team is growing.....

I departed the site at 14.30 when things were really moving along quite rapidly and left Alan Bertram as i/c. A great day's work and much progress made.

David Revill, Work Party Organiser