

## 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 13th November 2016.

From: Darren Cooke, NW&DCT.

### THE PLAN:

- To continue the clearance of the detritus from the west side of the east back-soke.
- To burn the brash and Himalayan Balsam

**WORK ACHIEVEMENT:** The weather was perfect for another work party and despite the heavy rain the day before the ground was mostly firm under foot.

11 volunteers turned out – a good number for remembrance Sunday and Laurie was on hand with his heavier machine which again easily pulled out the small willows, so complete trees were delivered to our one bonfire.

Barry was ready with his chainsaw to cut the trees into more manageable pieces for the rest of the group to despatch to the fire or wood piles.

At 11:00 AM Ivan blew his whistle, and the work ceased and the chimes of 'BIG BEN' rang out from Laurie's cab, the silence was Observed save the crackling of the fire. Work recommenced when the Last Post sounded from the radio.

By lunch time we had cleared our way through to the next large thicket of trees on the corner of the soke, where it starts to head back to the Canal.

After lunch we moved down to the corner of the Soak dyke, and started to clear the trees, etc. in readiness for a fire at this point at our next visit.

We will return in two weeks' time in the hope to reach the canal

Work ceased at approx. 15.45

Darren Cooke, Deputy work-party leader