

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association.

Site: Royston Bridge Weir

Date: 6th and 7th May 2017.

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THE PLAN: To continue work on the overspill of the weir.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: Day 1. The difficult part of any construction scheme is to lay out the starting off point and prepare the surface for subsequent covering, in this case, with bricks lying on edge. With two volunteers on site for most of the day, and me for part thereof together with the owner, Laurie Ashton, the area was well on the way of preparation before lunch time. Then came the trial and error part, although with laying the bricks on edge with mortar underneath and in between it all went fairly well from the word 'go'. The work was very time-consuming with attempting to get the bricks in line and mostly level. By the end of day one, a goodly, extended triangle of bricks had been laid from bottom to top of the area, starting from the bridge end.

Day 2. At the start of the day, the previous work stood out quite proudly showing some quite artistic variations of levels in undulating curves! But it looked quite wonderful after all the hard work of Day 1. The same four volunteers were there to start with but were joined by several more by lunch-time. The work continued as before, such that by the end of the day the total of bricks laid had risen to some 340+. Not bad – out of a total of around 2,000.

The importance of this weir is very high. This work **must** be completed before the water can be returned to the canal here. With this in mind an extra work party will be arranged for the weekend of Saturday 13th May.

Thank you to all who came along and took part in this valuable contribution to the original plan of making the canal work again!

David Revill, Work Party Organiser.