

NORTH WALSHAM & DILHAM CANAL TRUST

In co-operation with the East Anglian Waterways Association Ltd

Subject: Work-party at Ebridge spillway
Date: Saturday 22 July
From: Darren Cooke, NW&DCT.

THE PLAN:

-To prepare the spillway for the timber groynes to be installed along the lower edge.

WORK ACHIEVEMENT: The weather started off wet, but soon brightened up and ended up a nice day. The first job of the day was to break up and remove the lower strip of concrete, so that the construction of the slipway could be seen. When this was completed the rubble was loaded into the trailer with the aid of the large digger bucket.

We found that lower edge of the spillway had series of vertical boards set into a layer of clay. Then a horizontal length of wood behind, which was mainly worn away, so it was removed. The bricks were laid in two layers, the lower level flat and the upper layer upright. After the band of Clay at the front of the spillway, the bricks were laid on ballast. It was decided to try and save the existing upright planks and install the groynes just behind them.

We started clearing the wood by hand, but found it a lot quicker with the small digger.

At approx. 13.00 we called lunch.

After lunch, we continued clearing the bricks and clay from the bottom of the spillway leaving just the upright wood showing. The small digger then had a second run and crossed the bottom to level the clay ready for the groynes. The Last job of the day was to mark a line for the retaining wall, then cleared up ready for Sunday's work group.

Work ceased at approx. 16.00

Darren Cooke,
Deputy Work party leader.