

New Canal Walk Opened on the North Walsham and Dilham Canal



Oct 06

After two years work at Honing Cut, the East Anglian Waterways Association's and North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust's work parties saw the first stage of their Canal Walk opened by Norman Lamb, MP for North Norfolk, on Sunday 28th September 2008. Norman also toured the site, and talked to the work party members, who were working

with a digger and "home made" dredger bucket, clearing the canal at the entrance to the staithe. He was impressed at the work undertaken in such a short time span, and gave full support to the Trust's aim of restoring the canal. Norman also presented the Trust with a cheque for £150.

Two years ago, few were aware of the existence of the staithe, running from the side of the canal above Dee (Honing) Bridge. With the support of the Canal Company, and the owners of the woodland around the cut, the Work Parties have cleared the scrub and dangerous trees on either side of the basin, and alongside the canal itself. Attention was then directed at the basin and tree growth removed. With the aid of a local member, who happens to have a digger for a hobby, the basin was then dredged and water reintroduced. Within a few weeks a heron had made itself at home.



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Norman Lamb Sept 08

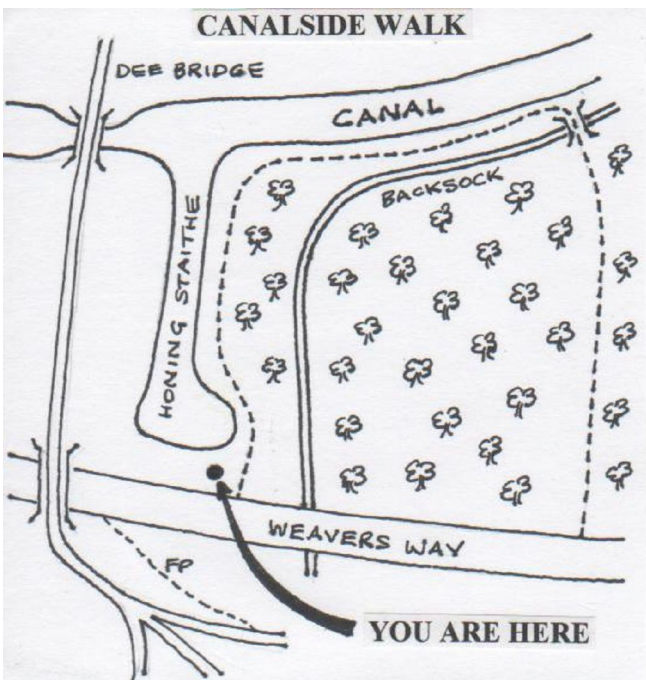


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Following discussions with NCC footpath officers, the idea of a circular canal walk, linking with Weavers Way, was formed. As this needed to cross the soke dyke by a bridge, grant aid from the Broads and Rivers LEADER+ programme and the European Union was gained for building materials and interpretation boards at either end.

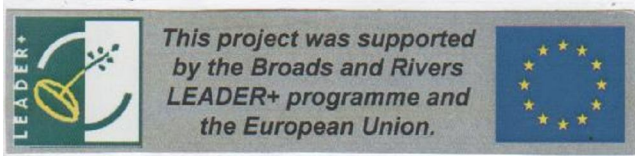


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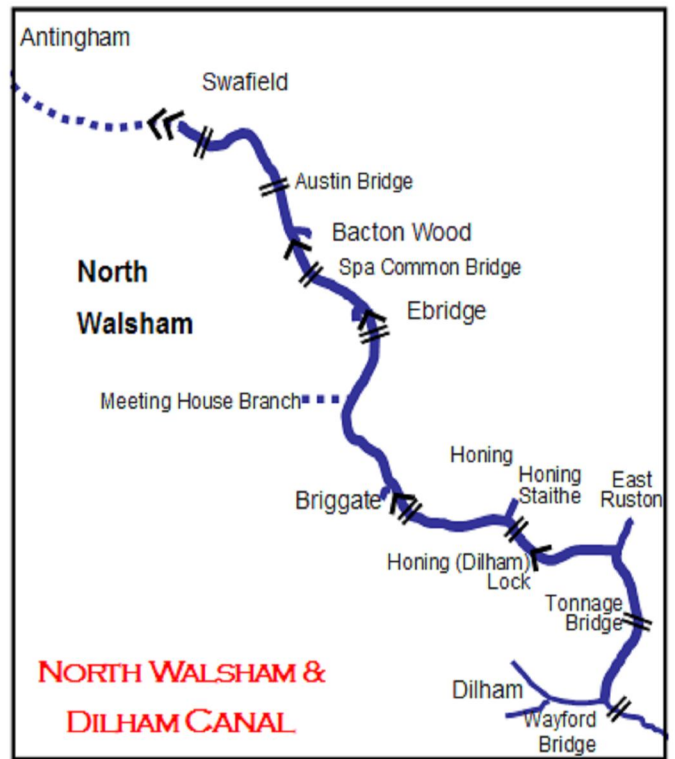
The clearances around the staithe and formation of a walk have been warmly welcomed by the local residents and walkers along the old railway line (Weavers Way). The sight of water through the trees is always a welcoming one.

As well as other works along the canal, such as at the locks, and clearing Briggate Mill Pond, the work parties will continue to expand the cleared area around the basin, and tackle the muddier parts of the walk over the coming few months.



The main work parties are usually held on the last Sunday of each month – with additional works carried out at other times. Full reports and programme of future events are to be found on the website www.eawa.co.uk/work.html and further details from the organiser – David Reville on 01603 738648.

Ivan Cane 23/10/08



Honing Staithe early 1900's



Sept 08