

# Annual Report of the North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust for 2018/19

## **Chair's Report**

The Trust's first year as a CIO has seen it "come to age", as it has used its new powers to enhance its work of assisting the Canal Proprietors and aiding restoration work. The ability of being able to negotiate loans and employ contractors has enabled the Trust's first own project – that of the restoration of the top gates at Ebridge, to take place. Our thanks to the Inland Waterways Association's bridging loan of £20,000, interest free, which enabled us to take advantage of the EU LEADER's offer of a grant of £26,152 for the timberware. The Big Society's grant of £14,980, has enabled the Trust to buy a compact tractor and attachments, and also a weedcutter, all of which have been busy maintaining the banks and channels. Our thanks to the many people who have also donated to the Ebridge Lock and Canal fund, with nearly £10,000 being raised to date to cover the construction of the cills, repairs to the lock chamber and purchase of secondhand bottom lock gates. The ability, as a CIO, to claim Gift Aid will add to these funds. A hidden feature, which took many months to set up, but has now proved its worth, is online banking, which in turn allows us to have accounts with various suppliers and ensures that bills are quickly paid!

Being a CIO means that the Trust can now own its own assets, whether trip boats, machinery, land or even a canal in the future. This has enabled the renting of units 4/5 at Spa Common. Much work is being undertaken here to set up a base, not only for equipment, but also a meeting and information room. The trip boats are now owned by the Trust, and it is incredible that within 21 months of receiving the gift of a rusty leaky hull from the Barnsley Canal Society, *Ella II* has not only been completely refurbished, complete with solar power, it has become a popular attraction, completely covered its restoration costs and now providing a regular income for the Trust's other works. All this has only been possible through the hours of work put into the Trust by volunteers, from those applying for grants, scraping rust from hulls, clearing 30 years' worth of accumulated garage waste, painting and advertising to being one of the "Wet Team" - the trained 14 skippers and crew that turn out every weekend, rain or shine.

Our "Muddy Teams" have also been hard at work during the year. Once there was a fortnightly Sunday Work Party, this is now supplemented by Thursday fortnightly group, and the Ebridge Chamber Ensemble working most Tuesdays and Thursdays on their own pet project. Additionally, specific projects, such as Bacton Wood Gates and Ebridge Top Gates have led to volunteers coming out every day until the job is completed. Of late we have seen more younger faces appearing and hope that a few our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers may return one day under their own steam. Another new aspect that the Trust provides is of Education, Training and Induction and we look forward to liaison with primary and other schools over the coming year. Our thanks to everyone involved in this aspect of the trust's work.

On the conservation front, the Wildlife and Fisheries Officers have expanded their teams; allowed the Trust to have closer links with organisations such as the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, IDB/WMA environment officer and other local specialist groups. This has led to a revision of the management of Purdy's Marsh, with mitigation enhancing features, such as turf ponds, being introduced. We now have a greater awareness of the diversity of flora, fauna, fish and invertebrates that thrive by the restored OCC section of the Canal, exemplified by the profusion of photos and interest shown on the Trust's social media. During the year the Trust has continued to work on its mitigation and canal management plans, in conjunction with the EA and other bodies. Our thanks to all involved with the "Green Team".

The Trust's officers work hard to ensure that the visiting and interested public are kept aware, not only of what is happening with restoration, but also on the historical and other aspects of the Canal. Facebook and other social media are continually monitored, and exhibit the joy that visitors have from their experiences with the Canal. The media is used efficiently advertising and reporting events, whether the Open Weekends, trip boats, film evenings, heritage walks and talks and canal news. Quagmire undertakes a similar job, but to more depth, for our members. During the past few months our website has been upgraded to better inform the world as a whole. Meanwhile, through the generosity of various donors, general notice boards have been installed along the Upper Canal and specific history panels erected at major canal structures from Honing Lock to Swafield Bridge. All these things have helped to increase our membership throughout the year. Our thanks to everyone involved with "spreading the word".

Behind all of this are the "Suited Ones", the Trustees and Officers who work hard to help to keep the wheels turning. Some, again, will be stepping down for the AGM. Alex, who has undertaken a great job with her media contacts, keeping the links working both at national and local levels, from magazines to radio and TV. Mary and Chris Black, who have been the stalwarts that have supported and run many work parties for over 15 years, at the same time Mary has brought the Trust's magazine "Quagmire" from a newsletter to a substantive quarterly magazine whilst Chris, under the guise of Vice Chair, raised thousands of pounds of grant funding, liaised with everyone of importance and enabled the Trust to grow and grow. The Trust is indebted to the years of work they have given. They, like me, will continue to come along and wield our saws on the work parties of the future.

Our thanks to the team who have nursed the CIO through its first year:

**Trustees and Officers of the North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust, 2018/2019**

Ivan Cane, Chair. Chris Black, Vice Chair. Nigel Lloyd, Administrator. Barry Mobbs, Treasurer. Roger Hopkinson, Hon Vice President. Graham Eckersley, Meetings Secretary. David Revill, Liaison Officer. Alex Hurrell, Press Officer. Andrea Lamyman, Membership Secretary. Tom Webster, Fisheries Officer. Julie Kelleher, ICT Officer. Mary Black, Quagmire Editor. Graham Pressman, Boating Officer. Suki Pryce, Wildlife Officer. Tom Carr, Land Issues Adviser. Mark Shopland, Grants Officer. Susan Kirrage, Education, Training and Acting Induction Officer. Andrew Fryer, Trustee without portfolio.

As well as the abundance of Chiefs, we also need to give thanks to all the Injuns at the canalface. It was pleasing to see so many at the Open Evening at Ebridge Lock in July, and a pleasure to present the *Top Gate Trophy* to Frank Boast for his tireless work over the year. Presentations were also made to Jeremy Cushion and Daniel Gotts as thanks for their efforts over several years supporting the OCC and Trust. Finally, the *Bottom Trophy* was awarded to Julie for her "bowels"! Elsewhere, Honorary Memberships have been awarded to Darren Rogers of Broadland Computers, the Cushion Family and Sir Norman Lamb for their support and help with the Canal restoration over the years. At the other end of the spectrum, the Trust was honoured to be asked, by the IWA, to attend the Parliamentary Reception in the Terrace Pavilion at the House of Commons in May. Our thanks to Roger and Julie for proudly wearing the Trust's flag at the occasion.

And finally, our thanks to the 300plus members, without whose support the Trust would not exist.

Ivan Cane - Chair

## ***Administrator's Report***

After obtaining CIO status last year, work began on developing an over-arching strategy for the Trust. CIO status brings with it a requirement to add a more formal structure to our work and to put the Trust on a more business-like footing. After a shaky start, a document was prepared with the help of some key Trustees and volunteers. The aim of the strategy is to identify and document the restoration works required at each of the pounds of the canal, prioritise these tasks, identify costs and to build a timeline for bringing the works to fruition. A draft strategy was prepared and offered to Trustees for approval in April 19. The strategy covers a 10-year period in which the whole canal restoration can occur. This is of course dependent upon a fair wind, cooperation of canal owners and the availability of funds and resources. The document is currently being updated to reflect the works carried out in 2019.

I have been working with a group of community minded people to create 2 circular walks to the canal from the centre of North Walsham. The costs will be met from the Market Town Initiative (MTI) fund provided by NNDC. A photographic list of required signage has been prepared and now sits with Norfolk County Council for approval. It is hoped road signage to Ebridge Mill from North Walsham can also be included as part of this package of works.

Nigel Lloyd Administrator

## ***Boating Officer's Report***

- Both *Sue B* and *Ella II* are in fine order. We have been running trips every week, all the year round with only one weekend stopped by ice.
- We have a new electric outboard for *Ella II* as the newness wore off the old one. Oh and we have fitted solar panels to supply all the power we need for the electric motor. That's so long ago now that I almost forgot it.
- The 2t outboard used on *Sue B* is still running well and has been serviced.
- Both boats are now moored at Ebridge, in the hope that they are less vulnerable to vandalism. That also saves an empty trip from Spa Common to Ebridge each time.
- *Sue B* has also been used for carrying goods as necessary. That has proven quite useful.
- The weed eater is doing a fine job, keeping the canal free of weed and is running well despite a couple of little teething problems. A paddle fell off, the cutter blade was inclined to pop out and the starter motor failed. Mark P has fixed all of that now. I have ordered a new voltage regulator for the charging circuit. Mark P will fit that when it arrives. The boat is doing a fine job of keeping weed clear for boats, canoeists, swimmers, fisher-folk and all other canal users. It's good to be able to clear the cut weed as well as to cut it deeper than previously possible.
- I am reliably informed that the passenger boats have now paid for themselves, so it's mainly profit from here on in! Any private business could be proud to achieve that in the time.

G Pressman – Boating Officer

## ***Ebridge Lock Project.***

- Phase one is complete with the new top gates in place. Thanks to the EU LEADER grant!
- We have bought used gates for the bottom end and are in the process of preparing those for fitting.
- Laurie has bought a machine which will empty the lock of mud, before we fit the gates.
- We have 2 alternative offers of timber for re-lining the second hand gates. The saving, by doing it ourselves will run into thousands of £s.

- Our stalwart volunteers have been working hard and now nearly completed the repairs to Ebridge lock chamber walls. Those thumping great holes are now a thing of the past!
- The famous “Ebridge Hole” seems to be getting near to being repaired now that the Happisburgh Road is subsiding on the east side. Once that is solved, we will be able to hang the gates and fill the lock.

G Pressman – Project Leader

### ***Education and Training Officer's Report***

The writing, collating and production of the new Volunteer Handbook was completed. This includes: some background of the Canal and of the Trust, lists the induction procedures and serves as a record of training. Officer email contacts are included.

New volunteers inducted to date have stated that it is a helpful procedure.

There are a number of new volunteers yet to receive their induction and Handbook.

#### **Training completed this year for volunteers and members:**

1. **First Aid course:** Ten attendees - all passed and certificated in an Emergency First Aid at work course, valid for three years. Excellent attendance. We could run the next e.g. in the spring, if sufficient demand - at a cost of approx £20 per candidate. All candidates stated that this is valuable training. An aspiration to purchase a defibrillator was expressed.
2. **Throw Line Training** - 11 attendees. Excellent attendance. Comment from one: “Had to say how glad I was to do the line throwing training, very worthwhile, such a simple but effective way to help someone in water”.
3. **Tractor Training** - Six people completed the Tractor Training undertaken by Johnson Bros on the delivery of the new machine
4. **External Training - Restoration Hub Workshops**  
Sue Kirrage attended the Working with Young Volunteers workshop at Hatton in February, and Ivan Cane the Annual Conference, with its theme on fund raising in March at Wolverhampton. It is hoped that more volunteers will be able to attend these courses over the coming year. The Trust offers to cover fuel for travelling.

#### **Other plans for next year include:**

- Liaison with local schools, with aim to deliver trial in-school ‘workshop/talk/visits’ and invite school reps to discuss how best to make use of the facilities and opportunities that the Canal offers.
- Development of a new Member Handbook.
- Further training courses, as required for volunteers and members.

Sue Kirrage - Education and Training Officer, Acting Volunteer Induction co-ordinator.

### ***Events Co-ordinator's Report***

The Trust held many events both Public and Private organised and managed by our Trust Officers ably assisted by our volunteers. I list the following events which were attended by many visitors interested to see and learn about the latest developments along the North Walsham and Dilham Canal.

We do not advertise a charge for attending private presentations but many of the organisations kindly donated generously to Trust funds.

**Public Events for 2019:**

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Film Evening at The Atrium, Nth Walsham
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Weekend at Ebridge Lock
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	“Heritage Open Days” – Trust ‘Walk & Water’ Guided tour
18 <sup>th</sup> August	At Ebridge, the Trust conducted our ‘Footfall Survey’ last completed in 2014.

**Private presentations given to the following groups:**

2019:

17th April	Hickling Ladies Group
20th March	Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group
27th February	North Walsham PROBUS group
21st February	Brooke Thursday Club
11th February	Wells Ladies PROBUS group

2018:

31st October	Great Yarmouth Probus
7th September	Stalham Good Fellowship group
27th July	Celebrating "Norfolk Day"
14th July	Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Social - Canal Walk & Boat Trip
10th June	At Norwich Cathedral. 'Celebrating Volunteers Day'
7th June	North Walsham Countrysiders

Due to various circumstances, the following events of 2019 could not be attended

27 <sup>th</sup> June	North Walsham Fun Day
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Norfolk Day
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Worstead Festival
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Green Build

Julie Kelleher – Acting Event Co-ordinator

***Fisheries Officer's Report***

2019 has proven to be a challenging but successful year from a pictorial point of view of the canal.

Some small changes were made to the fish rules for the start of the new fishing season and I am happy to report the rules are now being followed by a majority of anglers using the canal.

Out of season pike fishing has been greatly reduced this summer, mainly due to national and local press coverage of scientific research conducted at the University of Hull and relating to the oxygen levels of the waters at summer temperatures. It's now scientifically proven Pike suffer greatly from fishing in the summer months and more fisheries are rolling out an enforced longer closed season, something the Trust took a lead in doing 3 years ago.

I am pleased to report all of this has helped reduce angling related fish deaths this season and my work of educating angling on the canal will continue next year.

I am concerned at the silt levels and the causes of silt at Spa Common. This presents a significant danger to the canal ecosystem and I greatly support the Trust in trying to resolve this ongoing problem and causes.

To end on a positive note, I am happy report healthy catches of roach, rudd and dace, plenty of pike and perch, also over the last year we have had some recorded catches of quality tench to add to our records as well.

Tom Webster - Fisheries Officer

### ***Grants Officer's Annual Report***

Big Society Fund (£14,980) – NNDC

The End of Grant report was successfully submitted in May 2019. This grant funded the purchase of an aquatic plant cutter and compact tractor/flail for use on our routine maintenance programme of the in-water sections. These are environmentally sensitive tasks carried out during the autumn/winter seasons and we are only just beginning to evaluate this equipment.

The use of the aquatic plant cutter follows the best practice by basing the decision of when to cut, on a combination of temperature and dissolved oxygen measurement. Initially we have used a simple titration kit that takes around 15 minutes per sample, but this is neither fast nor accurate enough for use during cutting, and we have sought extra funding for an electronic tester. The compact tractor/flail combination has proved very effective for mowing paths and mulching areas previously cut using a brush cutter or motor driven scythe.

Leader Bid (£26,152) - NCC

The RDPE Claim Form was submitted in August 2019. This was to cover the cost of a set of Upper Gates for the Lock at Ebridge, and a supply of safety fencing for use on this and future tasks. The gates were manufactured and installed by Hargreaves Foundry Ltd, the installation and removal of the bund was carried out by Jerry Cushion, and all other tasks were carried out by NWDCT volunteers.

The justification for the award is in the increase in rural employment and Tourism that it generates and we need to provide three, yearly reports on this growth. The recent footfall survey (193 visitors physically counted) combined with an electronic satisfaction survey (unattended box recording 49 visitors) at Ebridge in August gives a multiplier of four to the satisfaction survey figures. The intention is to install the satisfaction survey box on one or more of the Notice boards over the year and use its readings to estimate visitor numbers.

New bids

Work on the Upper Gates has led to an innovative solution for the supply of future gate assemblies, that of refurbishing gates previously used by the Canal and Rivers Trust. These have a very similar dimensions, sound frames and ironwork but poor cladding. A timely donation has allowed us to purchase two sets and transport them to Ebridge for re-building. A bid to the Worstead Festival fund is hoped to support the cost of the new cladding material and its installation

Mark Shopland – Grants Officer

## **ICT Officer's Annual Report**

### **Website:**

2019 saw the upgrade of our website – [nwdct.org](http://nwdct.org)

I'm glad to report that the website is coming together with many more items of interest being uploaded. One benefit is the online membership form [nwdct.org/membership/](http://nwdct.org/membership/)

We're investigating the possibility of an 'online payment' facility making it easier to make Membership subscription payments and to encourage sales from our online shop.

Also, with the new website and Trust fundraising we know that our Sponsors visit our website as their first point of call for information.

### **Social Media:**

All of our social media accounts continue to grow in supporter numbers with many uploading their brilliant pictures of the canal to our 'GROUP' Facebook account.

Statistics:	Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (to date)
• Facebook page LIKES			429	600	937	1290	1671 2128
• Facebook group members						213	407
• Twitter followers						91	125
• Instagram followers						69	107

Julie Kelleher - ICT Officer

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## **Land Issues Report**

The scope of the Trustees' reasonable interest in land issues affecting the restoration of the navigation is indicated by the variety of matters referred to below. In future years some of these may drop away as siltation problems are resolved, safe road access is established and neighbours' adverse possession is successfully challenged, among other things.

What has been clear is the extent to which the owners prior to the sale to the OCC Ltd have been unwilling or unable to defend their interests leaving opportunists to claim adverse possession or hope that no one will notice a long-standing trespass. To some extent adjoining canal proprietors may have tolerated these abuses.

The 1812 Act defines the extent of the Canal and its associated works. Some neighbours, who seem unwilling to return to the Canal proprietors the full extent of the Canal estate, can find themselves unwittingly as proprietors with all the obligations that imposes. On the whole these issues have

been best resolved by negotiation, but some remain.

Land issues addressed since the previous AGM have been:

1. Waste – the action of a neighbour to the detriment of the Canal – relating to bringing silt and grit to the Canal to form berms or shallows likely to obstruct navigation and the flood damage by road water run-off of structures required for the water management on the Canal.
2. Parking. The need for increased capacity of the parking areas for visitors and Canal work parties.
3. Safety. Vehicle access and sight lines affecting the use of parking adjacent to the canal.
4. Boundary rectification at Swafield and Royston Bridge.
5. Purchase or recovery of small areas of land formerly within the Canal 'estate'.
6. The Trusts' tenancy of a dilapidated industrial unit, where Trust members have achieved an electrically safe and waterproof building to house new equipment and relieve the over loaded shipping container of much of its burden

Much of the above is on-going and the Trust remains for the time being a volunteer workforce and pressure group for the benefit of the OCC and our shared objective.

Thomas Carr, Chartered Surveyor.

### ***Liaison Officer's Report***

I have been concerned with five main objectives in this current Trust year.

1. Insurance for the Trust and the protection of its' activities of working parties; the Trustees; properties and Marine Insurance for our vessels.
2. Ebridge lock with the EA
3. Ebridge area with the WLMA (IDB) and the NCC Bridges and Highways departments – success (I think?) at last after 12 years of trying.
4. Greenways Project with NCC
5. Membership of the IWA

All of the above have been successfully managed but with one comment on Nr 4. where the NCC scheme is only yet at an exploratory stage, therefore only one meeting attended – but good contact made with the responsible people for future progress.

David Revill - Liaison Officer

### ***Media Officer's Report***

Between November last year and August this year I have publicised the:

- Christmas and New Year boat trips (November)
- EU Leader grant success (January)
- Sponsorship and arrival of the notice boards (February)
- Film night (May)
- Open weekend (June)
- Heritage Open Days Walk and Water tours (August)

I have handled approaches from local media for interviews resulting from publicity - many thanks to Graham Pressman for being willing to act as the trust's spokesman on several occasions. In close liaison with Graham I have also kept the boat trip listings in the EDP up to date.

My increased work commitments, and changes in my family circumstances, mean that I am stepping down from the trust at the AGM as I can no longer give it the time and attention it richly

deserves. One example of this is the trust Instagram account, which I set up some time ago. I no longer have time to run it and it has been dormant for several months. It has the potential to attract a great deal of good publicity for the trust.

I hope the trust can find someone able to take over my role. The fantastic work being carried out by members/volunteers deserves wide recognition.

Alex Hurrell – Media Officer

### ***Membership Secretary's Report***

I am happy to report that our membership numbers have recovered considerably since November 2018 when membership had fallen to just 199. At that point, a number of members had failed to respond to our GDPR exercise and consequently had to be considered either to have lapsed or unlikely to renew. Happily about 30% of these members subsequently renewed and/or confirmed their GDPR consent.

New memberships have mushroomed in recent months: of the 76 new members since November 2018, 60 have joined in the last 3 months! Some have perhaps been inspired by the striking and highly visible progress being made at Ebridge and others certainly as a direct result of a trip on *Ella II*! The ability to join via an online membership form (thanks to Julie K in establishing the online form) has proven popular in the last few weeks and promises to further increase the number of new members joining. As a result, membership has recovered to pre-GDPR levels and now stands at 300 members.

Our other recent initiative, as a Charitably Incorporated Organisation, has been to encourage members to Gift Aid their subscriptions and donations where possible. Already 16% of our members have provided Gift Aid declarations, which will increase our income by £184 this year and hopefully for many years to come.

As membership numbers increase, the management of member communications and renewals becomes increasingly labour intensive and so we are looking into a membership system that will automate renewal reminders and automatically record subscription receipts. More on this in the coming months...

Andrea Lamyman - Membership Secretary

### ***Wildlife Officer's Report***

- Canal Habitats, Flora, and Environmental Management: I continue to update my Report on the Canal's plants and habitats, with management suggestions.
- Plant Recording: I continue to record regularly along the Canal: 365 species and counting.
- Previous/Other Canal Corridor Wildlife Records: We currently have records from: Tom W (fish); the previous WO Perry (birds; moths; other groups), the North East Norfolk Bird Club (birds; hover flies), and Pigney's Wood (birds).
- Wildlife Volunteers: We currently have roughly 6 volunteers involved in aspects of Canal wildlife.
- Aquatic invertebrate-water quality monitoring: Specialist volunteers Nick and Gordon have surveyed the Ebridge reach, and gone on to survey at various key points along the Canal. Their results have been sent to the EA and others involved.

- Purdy's Marsh Management: Chris H and Alan B have been experimenting with several techniques/pieces of equipment to carry through some of NWT's management recommendations, and to improve Himalayan Balsam control.
- Liaison with the IDB re soke management: I have met with an IDB-WMA Environmental Officer on site to discuss the cutting of their sokes. This should take place early autumn '19.
- Open Weekend: Tom W, Volunteer Mike Cole, and I helped man the Wildlife Tent at the Open Weekend, had many visitors, and gained 2 new volunteers.
- Quagmire articles: I have written 8 pieces for Quagmire about vegetation-related matters along the Canal.

Suki Pryce - Wildlife Officer

### ***Work Party Coordinator's Report***

Unfortunately we have not been able to recruit a new WP Co-ordinator during the year, so my big thanks to David Revill, who held the fort for 3 months, and to the WP leaders – Terry, Alan, Mark, Nigel, Jonathan and Darren, without whom there would not have been any work parties.

There has been a great call on the “muddy team” this year – 73 in all over 65 days - and everyone has risen to the Challenge, resulting in a programme of fortnightly Sunday and Thursday WP's, plus a site specific group – the Ebridge Chamber Ensemble, working most Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have welcomed several new volunteers, much needed with a greater number of WP's to cover. Our DoE youngsters proved their worth at Briggate, Honing and Purdy's Marsh – constructing their own turf pond.

The big challenges have been the fixing of Bacton Wood lock gates – 7 days - and the Trust's first own project – Ebridge Top Gates and stop planks – funded by EU-LEADER – 22 day's work undertaken there, plus continuing work on the Chamber (10).

Purdy's Marsh collected 11 visits, as we have experimented with various plans in conjunction with the Trust's Wildlife team and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Our new units 4/5 have accounted for 8 official days – with our Top Gate Winner – Frank Boast – spending many other days wielding a paint brush as have others. My thanks to everyone for the many hours and days committed to the Trust's Work.

Ivan Cane – Acting Work Party Co-ordinator.

### ***Postscript***

***It has been a great pleasure, during my three year tenure as Chair, to work with such a dedicated group of people. Being at the fulcrum of the activity, I have been amazed at just how much work each officer undertakes, day in day out. And, not being content with that – they are also at the forefront at meetings, on work parties, answering the never-ending questions on social media, and for saying “yes” when I thrust yet another task onto their shoulders.***

***The Trust has come of age, and it is with pride that I pass over the Chair to the next incumbent.***

***Ivan Cane – Chair 2017-2019.***

**North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust**  
**Minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting of the Trust CIO**  
**held at Honing Village Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

**1. Welcome by the Chairman:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

R Sexton, M Shopland, M Black, K Dixon, I Radford, Broadsbeat.

**3. Declaration of Interests of Trustees:**

All Trustees confirmed that they had no interests to declare.

**4. Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> and final AGM of the former NW&DCT held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted and signed. Prop. G Pressman Sec. A Fryer

**5. Matters arising not covered in the agenda:**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Annual Trust Report:**

There were no questions or comments and the report was adopted. Prop: S Kirrage Sec: A Bertram

**7. Chairman's report:**

The Chairman presented his report with the help of photos on a big screen. They illustrated the work and achievements of the Trust in the year.

His report was adopted Prop: B Mobbs Sec: A Lamyman

**8. Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019:**

The Treasurer presented his report which he went through in detail. There were 2 questions from the floor which he answered. The accounts were adopted. Prop. G Pressman Sec. T Willoughby.

**9. Appointment of Trustees:**

The following Trustees offered themselves for re-election: Roger Hopkinson, Mark Shopland, Nigel Lloyd, Thomas Carr, David Revill, Barry Mobbs, Graham Eckersley, Julie Kelleher, Graham Pressman, Thomas Webster, Susan Kirrage, Andrea Lamyman. Andrew Fryer was nominated from the floor. It was proposed by H Hampson and seconded by C Brown that the appointments be confirmed. All in favour.

**10. Election of Chairman:**

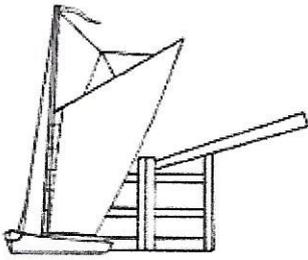
Nigel Lloyd Vice-Chairman took the chair for this item. There were no nominations for this post from the members present. Thomas Carr had agreed to put his name forward and it was proposed by D Revill and seconded by J Parry and unanimously agreed that he be elected as Chairman.

Tom thanked the meeting for his appointment and said he looked forward to the year ahead and moving the Trust forward.

**11. Appointment of auditor:**

It was proposed by B Mobbs and seconded by D Revill and unanimously agreed that Michael Segon A.C.I.B. be appointed auditor to the Trust's accounts.

Signed  T Carr



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### TREASURER'S REPORT

18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> June 2018 to 31<sup>ST</sup> May 2019

Bank balance at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - £11,148.76

Bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 - £10,353.19

The full audited financial accounts appear below

The items of income exceeding £2,000.00 were:

Events: £2,099.65

Grants: £15,480.00

Subscriptions: £2,475.00

Trip Boat: £4,918.50

The items of expenditure exceeding £2,000.00 were:

Events: £2,043.12

Trip Boat: £2,284.71

Plant and machinery purchase: £15,699.14

Ebridge Canal Projects: £3,573.45

The Trust's tangible assets of boats, tractors and large items of machinery have been valued at £18,934 after depreciation during the year. Our merchandising stock has been lessened with the writing off of £751 for the yellow books, printed many years ago.

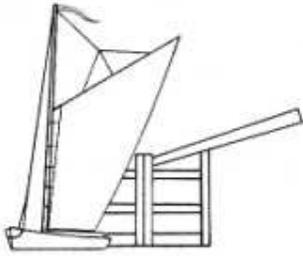
The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 have been balanced and have been examined by the Trust's auditor, Mike Segon A.C.I.B. We are very grateful for the work he has undertaken to help with the setting up of the Trust's CIO first accounts and for undertaking the audit

We have been recognised by HMRC as a suitable charitable organisation so we can now claim gift aid on donations and membership fees from eligible taxpayers.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> June 2018 to 31<sup>ST</sup> May 2019

Bank balance at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - £11,148.76

Bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 - £10,353.19

The full audited financial accounts appear below

The items of income exceeding £2,000.00 were:

Events: £2,099.65

Grants: £15,480.00

Subscriptions: £2,475.00

Trip Boat: £4,918.50

The items of expenditure exceeding £2,000.00 were:

Events: £2,043.12

Trip Boat: £2,284.71

Plant and machinery purchase: £15,699.14

Ebridge Canal Projects: £3,573.45

The Trust's tangible assets of boats, tractors and large items of machinery have been valued at £18,934 after depreciation during the year. Our merchandising stock has been lessened with the writing off of £751 for the yellow books, printed many years ago.

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SHEET For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

**Income:**

Events	£2,099.65
Profit on Sales of Merchandise	£221.26
Grants	£15,480.00
Donations	£1,227.00
Subscriptions	£2,475.00
Trip Boat	£4,918.50
Ebridge Canal Projects	£1,680.10

**Total Income** £28,101.51

**Expenditure**

General	£270.42
Events	£2,043.12
IWA Subscription	£54.00
Overheads	£1,117.37
Work Parties	£1,096.82
Admin	£442.13
Marketing	£1,124.78
Trip Boat	£2,284.71
Building maintenance	£159.77
Machinery repairs & service	£93.62
Ebridge Canal Projects	£3,573.45
Bacton Wood Lock	£838.24
Merchandising - Stock Written Off	£753.00
Depreciation	£4,865.14
Legal Costs	£253.15

**Total Expenditure** £18,969.72

**Excess of Income over Expenditure** £9,131.79

<b>Note</b>	General Fund - Excess of Income over Expenditure	£9,384.94
	Legal Fund - Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>£253.15</u>
		<u>£9,131.79</u>

# **North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust**

## **BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MAY 2019**

### **Tangible Assets**

Assets Recognised during the year	£8,100.00	
	£15,699.1	£23,799.1
Additions during the year	4	4
Less Depreciation for the Year to 31.5.19		£4,865.14
		£18,934.0
		0

### **Current Assets**

Stock of Merchandise	£1,758.45	
	£10,353.1	£12,111.6
Bank Current Account	9	4
		£31,045.6
		4

### **Represented By**

General Fund at 1.6.18		£9,748.76
Assets recognised during the year:-		
Tangible - Work Boats/Trip Boats	£8,100.00	£10,765.0
Current - Stock of Merchandise	£2,665.09	9
		£20,513.8
		5
Excess of Income over Expenditure		£9,384.94
		£29,898.7
		9
Legal Fund at 1.6.18	£1,400.00	
Excess of Expenditure over Income	£253.15	£1,146.85
		£31,045.6
		4

### **GENERAL FUND**

## **NOTES**

### **MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT**

Stock at 1.6.18	£2,665.09
Less stock written off*	£753.00
	£1,912.09
Purchases	£40.00
	£1,952.09
Stock at 31.5.19	£1,758.45
Cost of Sales	£193.64
Sales	£414.90
Cost of Sales	£193.64
Profit on Sales	£221.26

\* Stock written off, yellow books £751 and postcards £2

## **BANK RECONCILIATION**

	£11,907.1
Balance as Bank Statement 31.5.19	9
Unpresented cheques (3)	<u>£1,554.00</u>
	£10,353.1
Balance as Accounts	<u>9</u>

## **AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I have examined the books and vouchers of the North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust for the Year Ended 31st May 2019 and certify that the above accounts are in accordance there with.

Michael Segon, A.C.I.B.  
13th September 2019