

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

Canal Safety Inspection March 2024

It has been exceptionally wet and the canal is actually nearly half full for about half our section – unprecedented in my memory! On 6/3/24 there was a report of sheep on the canal but by lunchtime they had gone.

Trees: very dormant and all looks well.

Vegetation: All ok – the spring bulbs are growing rapidly - thanks to the Tanhams for removing the fallen ivy – the wood was removed by a resident.

Benches: All OK

Paths: The path is muddier than normal along parts pf the easy path-stoker seat section but this is usual for this time of year – it seems no worse than last year and will dry out as the weather improves. It was not slippery.

Boundaries, Walls and Fences – the damaged parts are due to be repaired by Mr Airy – the section near the sloe bush and on the edge of the easy path are priorities.

Signage: All looks ok.

Usage: Extremely busy.

CRT: The section of path over the aqueduct is very, very muddy and in need of repair – however this has been reported for the last 4 years to the CRT and we have been told there are no resources available. I feel it is unsafe when wet and have reported it.

The Sedgwick Hill Bridge Installation is still not complete and the soil removed to install it still not been made good. The Art installation on the aqueduct is in a similar state and there is still unsightly orange fencing adjacent to aqueduct along the edge of resident's properties.

The installation on the path side of the aqueduct is still not in place.

I have reported the above issues to the CRT and requested a finish date especially for the installation on our land.

