

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

Canal Safety Inspection January 2024

The Canal Wildlife seems to be faring well in this wet and now cold weather – I cannot recall the canal basin ever being as full – it has standing water (or ice!) in for the majority of the stretch.

Trees: very dormant and all looks well.

Vegetation: Typically a bit scrappy at this time of year – there is a branch of sloe and ivy that has fallen off the top of the wall next to Hill Bridge – as it slips further off the wall it is blocking the path – I have tried to pull it down to the side but is too heavy for me and prickly! Should we ask JP to remove?

Benches: All OK



Paths: Muddy but our section is sound The BT cable has not been sorted – please could Cllr Stoker follow up again?



Boundaries, Walls and Fences – No further damage – Mr Airey has kindly agreed to rectify the fence that is pushing the wall over and do his best to make good – he has already pulled and staked the offending sloe bush so it is not causing the wall to deteriorate even further.

Signage: The fluorescent dog poo sign was installed in December but has already been stolen. Needs reporting but I cannot see any point in replacing if someone is so intent on removing them. The second one is in the notice board cabinet.

Usage: Extremely busy. Some Dog poo in verges.

CRT: Their section of path is muddier than ever. We have received no further news about the tree we reported or the damage to the masonry – I have reminded Rebecca at CRT and asked for an update on maintenance.



They have dug a hole for the aqueduct on the north side and there was a team there this morning trying to gain access with equipment via the Willacy's garden.



Unfortunately, the CRT have not yet removed the old information sign stump and got the site ready for the new information board they promised for the location – we can only hope it hasn't been cancelled as it would leave the installation opposite without description.

The sign we agreed to being located at Hill Bridge has been installed but not finished – it is missing two panels and the earth they removed to install the concrete base is still not replaced – it looks a mess. It is taller than the plans show but that will help with visibility when the grass and nettles are fully grown.

I have asked Rececca for an update about when the work will be completed.

