

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

Canal Safety Inspection July 2024

Full summer along the canal – elderflowers, nettles and fast growing greenery!.

Trees: In full leaf – with the exception of one skeleton ash on the far bank and a rapidly waning specimen in the middle, the ashes are leafy and there is only minimal die back visible – but remember August/September is when the cycle of disease really kicks in – but compared to other stands in the area things look ok. The Stoker seat ash is perhaps the most vulnerable looking with one branch that shows no signs of life.



Vegetation: Continental have done the summer cut; the first half is great.....but in places it is very patchy and the triangle at the end is uncut – I have requested a revisit. We will need JP to carry out his normal autumn trim as the hawthorns etc are growing again. There are also many silver birch and sycamore seedlings in the basin which will need removing over the winter.



Benches: All OK

Paths: Paths are dry and clear.

Boundaries, Walls and Fences – The landowner has still not done anything to prevent the post and wire fence leaning on the stone wall and his sloe tree is causing further damage to the part he said he would repair – I propose we write to him again. The bad damage is getting worse – and we need to make a decision about it.



Signage: All looks ok.



Usage: Extremely busy.



CRT: Unfortunately, the art installation on the aqueduct is completely obscured by vegetation. They need to be notified. They could also consider a safety notice to warn people not to access it. The waymarkers are still not finished either.

