

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

### Canal Safety Inspection May 2025

Everything is growing very fast and it looks very summery rather than spring. We need to include the path and triangle in the contractor plans.

**Trees:** the ash trees are characteristically late and it is too early to know how the unusual spring weather has impacted – there are some skeletons that are well clear of the path and others are all showing signs of life albeit patchy. I cannot see anything that won't be addressed in the September annual survey but we may need to plan remedial action for the winter 2025-6.

**Vegetation:** All ok – will need a trim soon.



**Benches:** All OK

**Paths:** The path is dry.

**Boundaries, Walls and Fences** – the damaged parts were repaired by the Young Farmers on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We are very grateful for their support. Gerry has repaired the rail on the steep path.



**Signage:** All looks ok.

**Usage:** Extremely busy with evidence of cycles.

We need to get the contractor to carry out annual pruning of goat willow regrowth and shrubs as soon as the canal bed is dry enough to work in.

The Aqueduct was decorated with a flag and bunting for VE Day. The aqueduct steps are already very overgrown.

