

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

March 2026

Not much to add to February report.

Spring at last – there are daffodils, wild garlic sprouts and a single celandine. The bulbs are showing well.

Trees: All dormant. JP still needs to remove the dead elm opposite the Stoker Seat.

Paths: There is the usual leaf mould on top of our gravel path

Benches: All OK – the Stoker Seat could do with a clean when possible

Signage: All are sturdy but the waymarker still needs a re-varnish.



Vegetation: Beginning to stir... There is an incredible amount of water in the canal – the most I have seen in 30 years – we truly have created a wetland habitat and irises are already growing.

Boundaries, Walls and Fences – section of wall down – Mr Simpson has been contacted.

Usage: very busy and some evidence of tyre marks in the mud.



CRT and W&F Issues

I responded to W&F regarding the widening of the path and explained our objections to widening the widest 30cm at the expense of the bulbs and because it would require us to constantly trim the hedge back – there seems little point in surfacing under hedges. The response was acknowledged. Helen Moriaty has reported that she is making progress regarding the installation of a handrail on the aqueduct.

I would like councillors to meet on the canal when the extent of the bluebell areas is evident, for a short inspection of the verges under threat.