



Pennywort Team

Date: Thursday 18th September 2025

Thursday evening so it must be Pennywort clearance! Tonight we had 4 on the land, Me, Ian, Brian, and Karen, along with Sue on a paddleboard.

We started by clearing a mat at the Approach to Deep Lock that a boat had just travelled through with, and steadily worked our way towards Barrow Deeps clearing various sized mats as we went.

Luckily most mats came loose easily thanks to Sue's (not so) gentle persuasion, and as the banking height was closer to water level, it was far easier for the land team to haul it all out - we think between 8-10 tonnes tonight as some mats were rather large!!

We also removed a substantial amount of litter from the mats and an occasional invasive crawfish - only finishing as the light was starting to fade, as well as our muscles. Thanks team.



First few small mats from around the barges



One of the piles of hauled out weed



Sue unsnagging a mat from under a tree branch



Another large mat hauled out onto the side



Sue and the last board load of loose weed of the evening



The team - Ian doing photo duties for a change.

Next Event:

Date & Time: **6pm, 25th September**

Meeting Point: **Sileby Marina**