

Hard at it on the Middlewich

Volunteers with the SUMBA Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters have been busy clearing the canal.

Volunteers used workboat *Malvern* to begin cutting back overhanging vegetation



between Prescott Bridge 10 and Hoolgrave Bridge 11, setting off from Aqueduct Marina for the purpose. Working on the boat's offside and keeping her steady apparently proved challenging.

While this was going on workboat *Gow* set off with volunteers from Cholmondeston Lock to clear overhanging vegetation at the Sykes Hollow 48-hour moorings.

So far this winter SUMBA volunteers have cut back five half-mile sections of overhanging towpath vegetation between Barbridge Junction and Bridge 15. On the offside of the canal 'a large proportion' of unwanted vegetation has been removed.

Volunteers have also laid 70 metres of hedge at Cholmondeston Lock, with a further 15 metres prepared for planting.