

# Case Study



## Pondweed Clearance

### Project - Sankey Canal

- Ebsford environmental consultants were able to provide surveys and management strategies free of charge
- Difficult access made large machinery unfeasible and un-economical
- Truxor was able to remove both surface vegetation and roots
- High volume of fly tipped material within canal
- 2km of canal completed in 5 days
- In excess of 40 tonnes of material removed
- Cost effective project costing less than £4000
- Towpaths remained open throughout the project minimising disruption

In February 2012, the consultants of Ebsford Environmental Ltd were contacted by Halton council to assist in the clearance of pond weed and Phragmites from a section of the Sankey Canal. The pond weed had become noticeably more prevalent in recent years with regular complaints being received from local anglers who were unable to fish large portions of the area.

In addition to this, the formation of fishing platforms in the area and encroachment of Phragmites had made sections of the formal banks terrestrial and heavily vegetated. Due to the invasive nature of the vegetation present in the canal, it was necessary to provide full biodiversity impact assessments prior to commencement on works in order to safely manage the removal.

Ebsford Environmental were able to clear approximately 40 tonnes of vegetation and general fly tipped waste from the site over a 5 day period and in addition to completing the pond weed removal were successful in clearing encroaching bank side vegetation along 2km of unsightly canal.