

Hockley Mill

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On Wednesday 3 August the usual work party had a break from Longbridge to work at Hockley. The floating grass-like weed in the headrace which had been puzzling me for some time had grown a few flowers and identified itself as *Sparganium emersum* (unbranched bur-reed) as opposed to *Sparganium erectum* (branched bur-reed). Ivor cleared the hydrangea off one of the windows and exposed the rotten timber of the window frame. It looked quite good before he did it! We also lifted a pane of glass on the stones floor which had slipped and had admitted some tendrils of the same hydrangea.