

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council meeting 10th March 2022

We have had several working parties at the station garden weeding, deadheading, cutting back, and planting spring bulbs. We were given a number of daffodils from Marie Curie which we have planted in a large tub on the platform and we have had a sign made and donated by Auto Innovations in Sudbury stating that the bulbs were donated for the National Day of Reflection which is on March 23rd.

The notice board which displays the dragon and a walking map is now complete and has information about Ferriers Barn and station adoption.

The pictures that were hanging in the station waiting room have been stolen from their frames. Greater Anglia have provided us with four new frames and we are yet to decide what pictures to hang in them.

Ruth Slater headteacher at Bures Primary School is very keen for the children to embark on a project to paint pictures of flowers, wildlife and climate change. These will be scanned on to dibond then fixed to the fence alongside the path leading up to the ticket machine from the car park. As yet we do not have a date for completion.

We removed the picture frames in the station waiting room which had the pictures stolen and have replaced them with photographs of trains on the Gainsborough Line which were taken and donated by a local photographer Eve Scott in support of Essex Air Ambulance. Goslings art shop have kindly fitted and sealed them in to the frames using Perspex which was also donated locally.

Maldonado men's shed which is supported by Greater Anglia, have donated 2 bat boxes which have been erected in a tree in the wildlife area at the end of the platform.

The station garden will be entered in to next year's open gardens on May 28th and 29th and Greater Anglia are keen to run an 'open gardens' train. We will promote the event at local stations in the area. I have requested that the car park is free over that weekend.

We plan to host the next coffee morning in the barn on the common when we get the go ahead.

Mary Turner
On behalf of the Station Adopters

