

## Station Adopters Report for Parish Council November 21 meetings

We have had some successful working parties at the station garden watering, weeding deadheading and have received many positive comments from the commuters. We are currently in the process of planting the spring bulbs.

The dragon painted by members at Ferriers Barn has now been fixed in place on the rectangular space on the notice board behind the train timetable. Below the dragon we have also fixed a large walking map depicting the footpath to the chapel and dragon. Many thanks to Lee Norton for so kindly fixing them both for us. There are two spaces either side of the map which we will fill with information about Ferriers Barn and also about station adoption.



Greater Anglia asked Ferriers Barn to paint 20 pictures of Wildflowers, Insects, Bees and Flowers which have been scanned on to dibond and fixed to the fence along the platform at Marks Tey Station. Ferriers Barn have also made and donated us a bug hotel which is in situ in the wildlife area behind the fence near the bee friendly planters that are on the platform.

I have been in touch with Bill Sargeant who is a well known pargetter for Essex and Suffolk and asked him details of what surface would be needed to be prepared on the car park wall by Greater Anglia in the hope that they will be willing to comply and give their agreement to pargetting. I have forwarded the details to Alan Neville who will alert the relevant department.

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.

I have spoken to the agents of the house whose wooden fence follows the path up to the station platform and have been given permission to fix pictures on it. I have been in touch with Tim who is approaching the primary school with a view to the children painting pictures of nature, wildlife, flowers and climate change. These will be scanned on to dibond then fixed to the fence.

Several of our station adopters attended a Thankyou event by Greater Anglia at Chappel Station on Thursday 5th August and also the Awards Ceremony which took place on 15th October at Portman Rd.

The Music on the Gainsborough Line took place on the evening of 4th September and was a great success. Ben Smith kept people entertained and also a saxophonist and were both well received.

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 Bures Station Adopters