

Station Adopters Report to Parish Council 11th January 2023

There have been no reports of incidents at the station since my last report of November 2022 and there has been no feedback from British Transport Police of the incidents reported to them last year.

We held a working party in November when we planted more spring flowers and bulbs, and dead headed plants and a dead hedgehog was found in the wildlife area which I reported to the Essex Hedgehog Haven for their records. However the weather has since prevented further work on the garden area and the exceedingly cold weather has killed off a number of plants and shrubs.

On November 17th, Jenny Wright and I had a meeting at the station with Rupert Walden and Ian McGee company manager and director who are overseeing renovation work at the station which involves new lighting, wiring, renovation of the station waiting room and fitting a new fence. We also introduced them to some neighbours whose houses back on to the car park and they were advised of the plans. New lighting is being erected both in the car park and along the platform but it will be movement sensitive and will be Work is still underway and a considerable amount of the garden has needed to be dug in order for the wiring to travel underground. It is hoped that work will be completed in March when we will have a better understanding of what planting to do and whether we will need to raise money to purchase stock.

The headteacher at Bures School is arranging for the children to produce some art work on the subjects of climate change and wildlife with a view to displaying it along the wall and fence at the station. The plan is to scan it on to dibond which is weatherproof.

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