

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council 17th January 2022.

We have had a few working parties at the station garden, weeding and deadheading and have planted spring bulbs however the weather has not been very conducive and the station garden is currently lacking in colour. Some pansies and primula were also planted but seem to have been dug up, possibly by animals?

We were donated some daffodil bulbs by Marie Curie which have been planted in a large tub purchased for us by Greater Anglia and stands on the station platform. A sign needs to be made to identify where they come from as we agreed to promote Marie Curie Planting Daffodils to mark the National Day of Reflection on 23rd March 2022. I have also been sent daffodil brooches and collection tins and we will promote their sale nearer the time to help raise money for the charity.

We have now completed fixing the panels on the dragon notice board which has received many positive comments from the public.

I have heard nothing further from Greater Anglia regarding the station car park wall. It is unlikely to be a high priority for them at the moment!

The headteacher at Bures School is very keen for the children to embark on painting pictures of flowers, wildlife, dragons and climate change with a view to us scanning them on to dibond and hanging on to the wooden fence that leads up to the platform,

Several of our adopters were invited to join the Chappel station adopter group to do carol singing on the station platform but it was not a great success owing to there being so few passengers. So we have decided next year instead to run a Xmas Carol Service Train on the Gainsborough Line between Marks Tey and Sudbury.

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.

Vanessa has obtained some photos of trains on the Gainsborough Line that were taken by a local artist who has agreed to donate them and allow us to hang them in frames in the station waiting room. This is currently work in progress. See some of the photos below. They have been scanned on to A 4.





