

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council 13th May 2022

We have had some working parties at the station garden weeding, deadheading, cutting back, and more recently, lifting the bulbs to make space for planting flowers to prepare for Open Gardens on 28th and 29th May. The bulbs will be stored in the shed on the Transition Allotment for next year. Work is currently in progress planting out the beds and tubs and we aim to increase the number of bee friendly plants.

Luke Dixon from the Bee friendly Trust in Soho has invited us to become a bee friendly village. (His trust provided the station with bee friendly planters which are alongside the wildlife area) There is a form to complete but I consider the subject would benefit from more promotion to involve the wider community and I would welcome any ideas and help

Ruth Slater headteacher at Bures Primary School is still 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 as the children have had several other projects to complete.

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.

Vanessa and I met with Alan Neville, Jayne Sumner and June Povey on Monday 9th at Bures Station as they were visiting stations in the area and we again pointed out the need to replace the wire fence along the platform and path leading to the car park. They all acknowledged the need for replacement and will pursue a picket fence be erected.

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

Mary Turner 13th May 2022

