

## Station Adopters Report to Parish Council 9th November 2022

Despite reporting to British Transport Police in August regarding the incident with the rubbish in the waiting room etc, I have had no feedback at all and whether anything was captured on CCTV. I did raise the matter with the relevant manager who attended the recent awards ceremony that it would be helpful to receive some feedback when incidents have been reported and he said he will look in to it.

The crab apple tree planted in June is growing well and is regularly watered by members of the group as well as Phil and Ian who both live next to the station. The water bag attached to it has proved very useful, particularly during the very dry periods.

Three of us attended the Station Adopters Awards Ceremony at Portman Rd on Fri 14th October and received an award and were highly commended for our Community Involvement. The award is in a frame and I will arrange for it to be hung in the community centre with our previous award.

We have held several working parties to clear away dead growth and we are in the process of planting spring bulbs and pansies. We have enlarged the round flower bed near the crab apple tree and it now has edging which helps to contain the compost and mulch which we have added and has been planted with wallflowers. See photo below.



Work on new wiring at the station is due to begin very soon as well as painting the waiting room and filling the holes. I have asked for the untidy wiring on the wall of the waiting room beside the water tap, to be tidied or replaced and I have had confirmation this will be done. Alan has confirmed that we will be getting a replacement netting fence to replace the existing one at the station. Unfortunately they Greater Anglia will not provide a picket fence due to concerns with possible vandalism.

I have reminded Ruth Slater at the primary School of a request I made last year for the children to produce some paintings connected with nature, and climate change which she was keen to pursue which we will scan on to dibond and fit to the wooden fence by the footpath. I am awaiting confirmation.

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