

Station Adopters Report to Parish Council March 17th 2023

Work is still underway completing the installation of new lights in and around the station garden. It is a major undertaking with numerous lights installed along the platform, footpath up to the platform and around the car park. Whilst we have been told they will be movement sensitive, there has been considerable upheaval which has prevented our group holding any working parties to tend the plants, many of which have died also due to the extreme weather we have had. Half of the wildlife area has been dug over with channels for the wiring with concrete lined access points which will have no doubt affected the population of slow worms that have lived there for many years.

The roof to the waiting room will be re-felted as it has recently been letting in water.

A new chain link fence has been installed alongside the path and the platform leading up to the waiting room but the fence leading to the end of the platform has not been replaced despite sections where the chain links are worn. I have raised this with Rupert Walden company manager of the project and he informed that it was due to the high cost as it would require the removal of signage that is attached to supporting structures.

Work is due to be completed within the next two weeks, the grassed area will be receiving a new soil topping and will be reseeded. There are a number of access points to the wiring network that have been installed with metal lids within the grassed area and we have permission to place removable planters on top of them but this will be an additional cost. I am hoping that Greater Anglia will provide them.

We will have a better idea of what we can do regarding planting and improving the garden area once all the work has been completed. Rupert has agreed to refund £100 for the purchase of some shrubs and plants to replace ones that were damaged by all the work.

The headteacher at Bures School arranged for the children to produce some art work with a view to displaying it along the wall and fence at the station. I have received some paintings about climate change and am awaiting further artwork displaying subjects regarding wildlife and nature. When completed they will be scanned on to dibond.

Mary Turner lead station adopter March 17th 2023