

Station adopters report for parish council on 18th November 2025

Bures was shortlisted for the National Rail Awards and Jan Hughes attended the ceremony on Wednesday 17th September at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane. We received a highly commended certificate for the best small station of the year.

We then attended the Greater Anglia adopters award event at Portman Rd on 17th October where we received an award for the Best Adopter Group and were highly commended.

We will be attending the station adopters Thankyou event in Chelmsford on Thursday 20th. It is very sad that we will be saying goodbye to our very valued rail engagement manager Jayne Sumner who is taking early retirement. She has been very proactive in assisting us as a group of station adopters with obtaining funds to purchase flower tubs, garden hose etc for the station.

Greater Anglia have arranged to fund a group of 30 children from Bures School to travel by train to Sudbury and back on November 20th where they will visit Gainsborough House and Gallery.

We have redesigned and are currently planting the Wildlife area following the work carried out to remove three trees as the roots had damaged water pipes belonging to the adjoining house in The Paddocks. We have built a wildlife pond and dead hedge, and will be planting bluebells at our next working party including some shrubs for Wildlife.

Bures School have agreed to get some children to produce more pictures of wildlife so we can display them along the fence. Ferriers Barn have also agreed to arrange their art group to make some models of wildlife eg hedgehog, badger, toadstool etc to place in the wildlife area.

Mary Turner
Lead station adopter
16th November 2025