

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council - September 8th 2021 – Mary Turner

We continue to have working parties at the station garden and the tasks involve watering, dead heading, removing dead growth and planting new plants and shrubs where others have died. The bee friendly planters are looking attractive and there have been a number of bees visiting the two hot lips shrubs that were planted! We are still awaiting the bug house that Ferriers Barn are erecting for us but it has been delayed due to their holidays. It will be placed on the platform between the two oak planters. Unfortunately soon after they were planted, one of the shrubs was removed and thrown away so we had to purchase a replacement hot lips which is now doing well.

Ferriers Barn painted a colourful dragon which the members thoroughly enjoyed painting and it has now been fixed on to the long rectangular space above the notice board behind the train timetable. Having been scanned at the printers on to dibond makes it weather resilient. It was kindly erected by Lee and Adam Norton. We are currently awaiting the preparation of an enlarged map of the area showing the route to the dragon. This too will be scanned on to dibond and fitted on the notice boards below the dragon. It is planned to have a plaque explaining who painted the dragon and I will ask Nikki at Ferriers Barn to prepare the wording. Following its completion, I plan to invite the staff and members to visit the station with some staff from Greater Anglia who have been involved in assisting with the project in order to do a photo shoot and celebrate the good work of Ferriers Barn.



The idea for a mural on the wall of the car park is making very slow progress and Greater Anglia lease the wall from Network Rail and have informed that they will only allow their workforce to render the wall so we will not be allowed to use any local builders. I plan to ask advice from Bill Sargeant who is a well known pargetter for Essex and Suffolk as to what materials will need to be used as I am hoping to employ Bill to do the pargetting if enough money can be raised.

There were some minor incidents of petty crime on the station during the school summer holidays which were reported to British Transport Police such as the defacing of some paintings hanging in the station waiting room, removal of the leaflet holder and evidence of burn marks on the inside wall but the CCTV has not appear to have been checked. There were also reports that some youths were hiding in the toilets on the train to avoid paying for their fares. This was reported to the appropriate person at Great Anglia.

There was a successful music train on the Gainsborough Line on Saturday evening 4th September with two musicians playing between Marks Tey and Sudbury. However consideration needs to be given about how to promote such events in the future given that many people do not use Facebook and Beautiful Bures so in future more advertising will be done via posters.

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