

Station adopters report for Parish Council meetings – May 2023

There have been major works going on at the station for over three months now putting in new lighting which has affected much of the garden due to inserting lights that are secured in concrete and we have needed to remove concrete rubble and replace with compost and top soil before replanting the shrubs we had lost. Electricians are finishing this week, and are currently putting lighting on the new notice boards. New chain link fencing has been fitted along the path and platform up to the waiting room only. I have raised the issue of replacing the chain link fence to the end of the platform as parts of it are pulled away and have clearly been tampered with.

Whilst the previous manager who was overseeing the works project had stated that the waiting room roof would be renovated, the work has not been carried out. Lighting has been put in the waiting room despite the fact that I have highlighted that the roof leaks. This again has been raised with Jayne, Alan and team who are looking in to it.

We are currently in discussion with our rail engagement manager Jayne Sumner about whether we need to limit access to the platform by the concrete path only owing to concerns regarding the central access that people use which is very muddy and could pose a health and safety issue.

We are currently waiting for money to pay for the replacement of plants, garden hose, shrubs etc damaged by the work. Alan Neville is dealing with this.

Last year Essex Wildlife Trust assessed the station garden and as a result we have been awarded a Wildlife Friendly Stations Accreditation. (This was prior to all the work and disruption that also occurred in our wildlife area). We are due to be presented with an award and will continue to focus on making the garden wildlife friendly.

The car park now has new tarmac and markings and an electric charging point has been installed. Unfortunately there is now only one bicycle rack and I have raised this with Greater Anglia asking for more.

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