

Station adopters report for Parish Council meeting 15th September 2025

Bures has been shortlisted for the National Rail Awards and the celebration takes place on Wednesday 17th September at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Park Lane. Greater Anglia is shortlisted for Bures, Bury St Edmunds and Chapel and Wakes Colne in the station of the year awards, in the great place to work category, and for the passenger operator of the year award. The nominations come from the local train operator on behalf of Greater Anglia, then the judges go and visit all nominated stations, so the shortlist is based on their judgements, having visited all the nominated stations nationally. Even if we don't win, it is a great compliment to be selected!

Three tall trees have had to be cut down in the Wildlife area due to their roots going into the water pipes of the adjoining neighbours garden, damaging the water pipes, and the tree stumps have had poison injected into them to kill them. So we are now in the process of re-designing the plot, and we had a recent meeting with Emma Black from The Dedham Vale and she has assisted us in our plans. We will be planting bluebells, shrubs for Wildlife and we will build a pond and a dead hedge. We have received a £600 grant to cover expenses.

The very hot weather has required much more watering this summer and we have a number of large plastic bottles which are stored near the hose which Cliff very kindly takes home and refills them whenever they are empty. We use them when we have been unable to make contact with Phil who lives in the house beside the car park to request him to turn on his water tap which has been connected to a pipe leading to our water tap where we have a hose fitted.

We were donated a dragon made of concrete, which has been fixed onto the railway sleeper by the raised bed, and we have decided to call it Puff!

On 17th October, we will be attending the Station Adopter's award ceremony which is held at Portman Road.

Mary Turner
Lead station adopter
6th Sep 2025