

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council 10th September 2020

... A few members of the group have been able to occasionally meet up to do tasks at the garden including cutting back a large shrub, dead heading, weeding and watering whilst managing physical distancing. Gillian and Ian who live next to the car park also regularly assist with watering the plants.

... The lights on the platform are being dealt with by Stuart Freer who I understand is still trying to resolve some outstanding issues.

... Mural on the wall of the car park.

Plans were put on hold during lockdown but I have recently made contact again with the Braintree. I contacted Laura Johnson who is a Built Heritage Consultant at Braintree and she has asked for further information about the location, design etc of the mural before any plans can proceed. She advised that permission may be needed in terms of advertisement consent. I have spoken to Juliet the duty planning officer who has agreed to e mail me with further advice/information. and for this I am waiting to speak to the duty planner for further advice.

Fran Raleigh the art teacher at Thomas Gainsborough school is still keen to be involved in the project and I am currently awaiting some further ideas and samples from her to share with the Heritage Officer which I will forward to them.

.... Planned meetings with other station adopter groups and Alan Neville, June Povey and Jayne Summer have not taken place since March. Bures Station adopters plan to host the next coffee morning in the barn when we get the go ahead.

...We now have two new notice boards on the waiting room wall which are in heritage green.

....CCTV has been installed on the platform and signs will be fitted next week to alert the public before it will be operational.

....The plastic dispenser holding the leaflets on local walks in the area, has been removed again from the station waiting room. We are currently exploring the idea of putting copies of the leaflets on the notice board saying where they will be available to pick up eg Post Office, deli.

June Povey has suggested that rather than replace the dispenser that we put a sample of the walks on the noticeboard and that she will arrange for them to be put on their website so that people can access them via their phone. This is currently in progress.

Mary Turner 10th September 2020