



# TREATS

## Friends of Rolleston-on-Dove Station Heritage Group

### Summer Progress Bulletin

as prepared for entry into the "Its Your Neighbourhood" Scheme, to demonstrate, to the judges, a year's progress at the station site.



Formerly the site of Rolleston-on-Dove Railway Station.

Railway line closed 1968 and buildings and track were removed.

The Parish Council obtained ownership of the site and formed the Jinny Nature trail.



#### The Station 2013 Nature reins freewill:

Due to the research of railway enthusiast Clive Baker, together with his wife, the concept of the project was born.

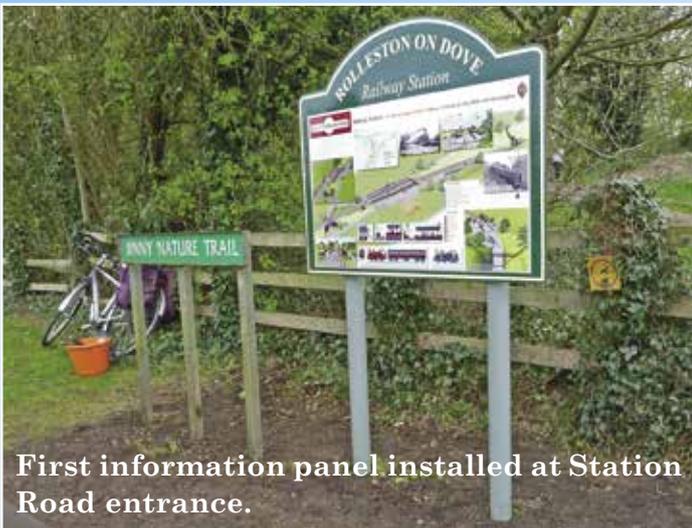
**2013 TREATS:** (The Rolleston Engineering and Transport Society) adopted the project, a committee formed and plan was formulated.

**2014:** Parish Council permission granted and first working parties formed.

**March 2014:** Heritage Lottery Grant of £7,600.00 allocated.

**November 2014:** Signage, Station Seat and wild-flower meadow seeded.

**AIMS:** Transform the site, explain the heritage, involve the community, Plant varieties of native British flowers, provide habitat and food for fauna, recycle materials, ongoing enhancement, maintenance and assessment.



First information panel installed at Station Road entrance.



Platform bench

Running-in board



**Typical Working Party:** First Saturday in the month, members enjoy a coffee-break in June 2019. Volunteers include Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates and a member of the Women's Institute.



**August and September 2018:** Clearing out of original wildflower meadow mix (80% grasses 20% flower) as grasses had eradicated flowers, due to the soil being fertile.



**Autumn 2018:** Cyclamen blooming in the woodland area and clearing in front of cattle dock.



**Winter 2018:** Coppicing woodland area and laying of new path (looking towards station) and habitat.



**Spring 2019:** Snowdrops, crocuses (gifted by Burton Rotary Club), bluebells and weeding the platforms.



**April 2019:** Guides planting bluebell bulbs in memory of their late leader Delia Wyers.



**March 2019:** Entrance gate painted.



**Educational visits:** Pupils from local schools enjoy an outdoor lesson.



**Guided tours:** given to Tutbury Civic Society following talk given to them earlier in the year.



**June 2019:** (left) Holly Blue butterfly and (right) Small White Upper feasting on Dames Rocket.



**June 2019:** Foxgloves in woodland area and wildflowers in the meadow. Wasp settles in wild rose.



**Promotional Display:** Each year we attend numerous events both in the village and surrounding area.

**Thanks** to all our volunteers, community organizations, Friends of Rolleston Station Heritage Group, generous donations, and the people who visit the station and make their appreciation of the transformation known.

**Tasks completed during the last 12 months:**

- Wildflower meadows strimmed.
- An area of meadow cleared and reseeded.
- New woodland path created.
- Woodland coppiced, resulting in formation of new wildlife habitats.
- Bluebells, daffodils, primroses and snowdrops planted.
- Wood-chip paths weeded and re-surfaced.
- Continual weeding of whole area.
- Main entrance gate painted.
- Forward planning continues.....***

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