



# TREATS

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



### Christmas Bulletin – 2020



Santa visited the station recently, fully prepared for 2020.

An unimaginable year; with no official working parties permissible after the March session, nature continued to entertain an increased number of visitors. It is very satisfying to think that the hard work of the previous years since 2014 has culminated in the creation of a haven to be enjoyed by many people, either unable to attend a place of work or experiencing the closure of other leisure facilities.

During March the front bank facing Station Road, adorned with daffodils planted the previous autumn, attracted the attention of the Burton Mail. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Tony. Flint for their gift of bulbs.

Unfortunately the bluebells came and went at a time when many members of the team were in isolation.

However the summer wildflower meadow could be appreciated by all and individual members of the 'green team' were able to carry-out tasks of tidying and splitting plants to increase the yield for next year.



Future project – to identify the signal box footprint and adding an interpretation panel. Part of the foundation is visible in this image as captured following clearance work undertaken early in 2020.



Charlie Hayes applies preserver to the personal gate.



Yellow poppies in the wildflower meadow, photograph by volunteer Colin Wheildon.



In 2019, attempting to make the Station Road access more inviting, we re-painted the traffic gate and front railings. This year Charlie Hayes repaired and applied treatment to the personal gate thus completing the task.

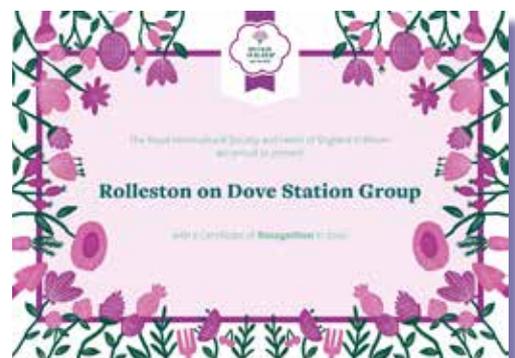
Everyone will have enjoyed a profusion of blooms in the wildflower meadow and woodland area.

We have been encouraged by the willingness and commitment of two Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates Morgan and Ellis who have played a vital role in weeding the platforms and clearing the scythed remains of the wildflower meadows. Also Kayleigh Wright (resident of Stretton), having witnessed our efforts, was encouraged to join us; having a keen interest in horticulture and wildlife, she is about to commence a career in nature conservation.

Retaining our link with the community has always been a goal, whether by presenting talks to interested groups or conducting tours. This year these activities have been almost impossible. To overcome this problem our annual presentation to pupils at William Shrewsbury Primary School was successfully delivered by Zoom.

We are very grateful to the 'Friends of Rolleston-on-Dove Station' for their support and encouragement, also for the kind words from many Jinny Nature Trail visitors, but in particular the hands-on volunteers without whose efforts the site would certainly return to the wilderness we found in 2014.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS to you all**



Certificate of recognition received from RHS England in Bloom.

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