

# News from the Poacher Line



Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. Events are still on hold but as restrictions continue to ease we hope to return to a full calendar of events in 2022. Despite the uncertain start to the year we managed to get some lovely projects done. This is just a snap shot of what we have achieved; visit our website [poacherline.org.uk](http://poacherline.org.uk) for more details where you can also find details of how to get in touch with us.

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**Community Rail Officer**

## Accreditation Success

Earlier in the year we were thrilled to be re-accredited by the Department for Transport. This shows the partnership is working to the highest standards and in line with government recommendations.



## Community Vegetable Patch

We were pleased to work with Radcliffe Community Gardens to fund and build two vegetable beds on Platform 2 at Radcliffe. The group will be growing veggies for local charity RadCooks, who provides hot, healthy food for the vulnerable and elderly of Radcliffe. Funding was kindly provided by the Community Rail Development Fund.



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### Sleaford station building update

Work started on a feasibility study to renovate the old waiting room on the Island Platform into a Education and Community Room. The report is now complete and both the drains and water supply are not viable into the room. The project will still be going ahead. Funding has been secured from East Midlands Railway and we are in talks with the Railway Heritage Trust.

### Boston panel installation

In April our wonderful metal panel depicting the history of Boston was installed in the flower bed outside of Boston Station. It is a wonderful addition to the station and has received many positive comments. The sculpture was designed by artist Jeni Cairns. Our wonderful adopters at Boston work with Boston in Bloom to keep the planter looking amazing - thank you!



## Skegness & Boston improvements

We are thrilled to announce both Skegness and Boston were successful in the recent Town Fund Deal from Central Government, which will include developments of both stations. Look out for the public consultations in the coming months!



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## Voluntary Centre Services

We have built up a great relationship with the VCS at North Kesteven and we were delighted to organise a taster community action day for their MOVE clients. The day consisted of clearing an overgrown patch of land at Sleaford station and our wonderful adopters Russell and Adele came to show them how to build planters and plant them up. Three of the attendees have gone on to become official station adopters!



## Netherfield station bridge

We are working with Network Rail on a graffiti project at Netherfield station. We engaged with schools and groups to create a community mural which will be applied to the bridge during August. Part of this project involved delivering Rail Safety presentations to 165 local school children.

### Coming up.....

- Poppy Express
- Artwork at Sleaford
- Promotional Video
- New Integrated travel offer

## Poacher's Patch



Our allotment at Sleaford station was finally opened by the Mayor of Sleaford in June. The event was well attended and all Covid-19 restrictions were adhered to.

We gave out goody bags and there was a potting station to plant and take away a sunflower seed. A raffle was held and £65 was raised for Rainbow Stars, a local charity who supports adults and children with learning difficulties. The charity recently lost the use of their outside space and have now officially adopted the allotment

## Station Adopter news

We have had a huge increase in station adopters during the pandemic and I am now pleased to say we are approaching 100! Only Bingham and Elton & Orston are still in need of some love and attention, please get in touch if you would like to get involved. New planters are planned for Swineshead, Wainfleet and Ancaster and plans for the Thorpe Culvert station improvements, led by the station adopters, continue.

This is where we would love to hear from you with any news. Please send us your stories from the station along with some pic's. [poacherline@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:poacherline@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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