

Network Rail joins Great Northern to tidy up Hadley Wood flowerbeds

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Network Rail joined forces with Great Northern to tidy up the area around Hadley Wood station.

Teams working on and around the East Coast Main Line volunteered their time to remove weeds near the station and tidy up the flowerbeds which had become overgrown.

It will improve the experience for passengers using the station as they return to the railway following the Covid pandemic.

The work also means Hadley Wood's Community Garden will be ready for new flowers and shrubs to be planted next year.

Justin Swain, Customer Account Manager for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "This work near Hadley Wood station has tidied up the area for people who live nearby, improved the experience for passengers and made the area more welcoming for visitors.

"As well as improving journeys for passengers and making sure the railway runs safely and reliably, I'm

proud of our teams for giving something back to the local community and helping to improve the environment.”

Andrew Chillingsworth, Community Engagement Officer at Govia Thameslink Railway, said: “It’s great to see Network Rail and Great Northern working together to clear the overgrown community garden at Hadley Wood for our station partner, The Hadley Wood Association. The station garden will be appreciated by station users, as well as thousands of people who travel through the station every day. We’ve also installed six new information screens for customers as part of our network-wide station improvement programme.”

Network Rail encourages workers to take volunteer leave, so that they can spend time supporting charities and other organisations.

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