

Wivenhoe rail station now features a community herb gardens thanks to partnership

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A new herb garden has been installed at Wivenhoe rail station in Essex thanks to a community rail partnership project and the station adopters.

Wooden planters filled with a variety of herbs have been installed in the station's garden at the entrance to the station.

Once the herb garden has become established people will be able to help themselves to fresh herbs or enjoy their scent as they wait for trains.

The project was funded by the Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership and the planters were installed by Greater Anglia's volunteer station adopters, Catherine Alexander and Rebecca Cowdry, who have been working to enhance the station for the benefit of the community.

New signage and posters have also been installed to explain what has been planted and the uses for herbs

through history, from medicinal to culinary.

Jayne Sumner of the Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership, said, “We’re very grateful to Catherine and Rebecca who have been working really hard to transform the station garden. We hope that people will enjoy the new herb garden and seeing the garden as it develops this year.”

Greater Anglia’s Customer and Community Engagement Manager, Alan Neville, said, “The herb garden is a wonderful addition to the station garden, which is being transformed into attractive area for passengers and the community to enjoy. We’re very grateful to everyone involved in helping to make Wivenhoe station more sustainable and welcoming.”

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