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Crewkerne

station



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Remembrance Day Display

Volunteers at a dress rehearsal for the Poppy Display which has the permission of South Western Railway. There will be a short presentation at 11am on October 29th to open the display and then a war poetry reading and the last post on November 11th at 11am. Everybody is invited to be there or just come any time to see the poppies.

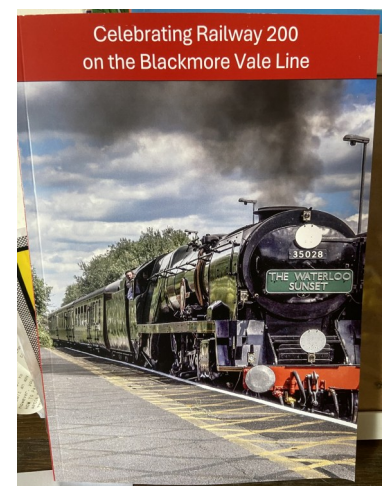
Amazing Community Effort

Word soon spread of the plans of the Friends Of The Station and knitted and crocheted poppies soon began arriving in the pumphouse which was turned into a workshop. Many of the station volunteers had grandparents and parents who fought in the recent world wars and were touched and amazed at the response. They would like to thank everybody and all the community groups who have taken part.



History of the Line

Did you know that there is a building at Salisbury station that was the boiler room for heating up the hot water bottles for passengers, and that Crewkerne Station open day was in pouring rain with an eclipse of the sun. All of this and other interesting historical facts are in the history of the line especially written and produced by volunteers of the Blackmore Vale Community Rail Partnership. A good read for £14.50 available from the station or the museum.



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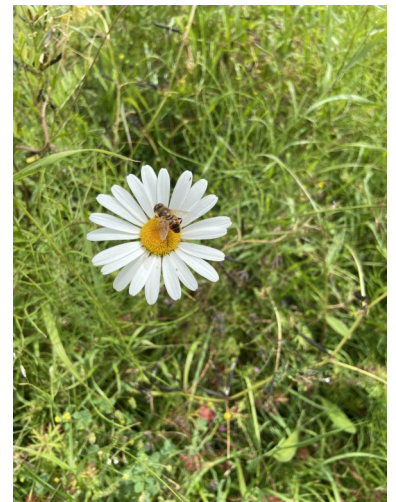


Flowers Butterflies and Bees

Keeping the platform planters watered during the heatwaves has meant that butterflies and bees have been able to source the nectar and feed.

Insects have been very evident on the platforms but also on the wild bank where the wild flowers have been encouraged.

Bumble bees are especially endangered but here is one enjoying a daisy. The developing Mullein seeds are obvious here and the yellow flowers were beautiful but look closely and you can see where the leaves have been well chewed by the Mullein moth



Working in the Pumphouse

The restored window has made the Pumphouse a good work station and suitable for meetings as well as a storage area for garden tools, storage and office work. The Treasure chest planted up with golden flowers, with gold sovereigns pouring out was our entry for Crewkerne In Bloom competition

