



FRECCLES Newsletter 8 August 2023

Hope you are all enjoying the summer despite the recent deterioration in the weather!

The main focus of activity for FRECCLES has been responding to the proposals by the Rail Delivery Group to close many ticket offices throughout England and to reduce the hours of others. Our Chair, Steve Hopkins, prepared an excellent coordinated response on behalf of FRECCLES which has been sent to Transport Focus who are undertaking the consultation on this issue. In addition, our views have been shared with Andy Burnham, Greater Manchester Mayor, who has been proactive in opposing these changes and we received a very positive response from his office. Other members have sent individual responses to Transport Focus in relation to the planned changes by both Northern and Avanti West Coast. We shall have to see what will be the impact of the opposition to these changes but there is some optimism that it may be effective in altering the plans. You can read more about this issue by looking up 'Ticket Office Closures' on the internet.

The work Ann and Mark have been doing with local schools culminated in a display of pupils' art at Clarendon Road School at the end of June. This was a really good opportunity to see how children perceive the changing face of their local neighbourhood as shown through their artwork.

Meanwhile, work continues on the gardens with the planting of summer blooms led by Pat from the Gardening Group. The next clear-up and gardening session will be this Sunday 6th August at 11am. Everybody is welcome to attend - to join in or just meet the team!

There is more about FRECCLES on our web page (www.freccles.org.uk) and on our Facebook page or you can contact us at info@freccles.org.uk - tel 0161 789 5016)