



FRECCLES Newsletter 9 November 2023

Hello to all our members and supporters. Hope everyone is well and looking forward to the build-up to Christmas.

A number of people came to watch the steam train pass through Eccles Station at the end of last month and we hope to keep members informed of any similar events in the future.

1) **Gardens**

Our next Station Clear-up and Garden Session will take place on **Sunday December 3rd at 11am**. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We have been looking for ideas about how to utilise some of the area behind our flower beds at the far end of the Liverpool platform and beyond. One suggestion might be to try to encourage wildlife in that area by putting up nest boxes and feeders for birds, insect houses, hedgehog boxes etc. If you have any thoughts on this or other ideas, do get in touch.

2) **Christmas Concert**

One of our members has asked us to mention a Christmas Concert by the Andante Choir, which originated at Salford Royal Hospital. The concert is on Saturday 2nd December at Eccles Salvation Army Hall at 7.30pm. You can find out more details on their website www.andante.org.uk or email Pat directly at pje2@hotmail.com

3) **Salford History Festival**

FRECCLES had a stall at the Salford History Festival held at Swinton Church at the end of October. The event was well attended and Mark who represented FRECCLES, was able to promote our work to various delegates.

4 **Community Rail Partnership**

Finally work continues behind the scenes to develop a Community Rail Partnership to cover the two Manchester to Liverpool lines. The next step is to try to secure funding for a part-time officer who could then take the project forward.

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)