

To consider a request regarding the Station Flower Beds and to consider any actions  
and associated expenditure

Agenda item request for Saltash Railway Station Sub-committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

As members of this committee are aware a few of us, together with Saltash Rotary Club have undertaken the upkeep and planting of the many plants at Saltash Railway Station to enhance the area for visitors to both the Railway Station and Isambard House

The hard work has been undertaken and the plants are beginning to flourish with regular watering by STC members and Rotary. However, we have a major issue, lack of rain. Although there are water butts on both platforms these being filled at the moment, is dependent on the rain to fill them.

There is no outside water tap at the station and the only tap that will take a water container is in the café kitchen which from a health and safety situation is not acceptable for us to use. All the other sinks have taps which are facing the wrong way to get a container underneath with the exception of the sink unit which is in the extension area at the end of the building.

We would like to request if it were possible for us to have access to the end area as this is the only tap that will allow our water carriers to go in underneath. This needs only to be done a couple of times a week during the summer months. We have watering cans etc stored at the station for the necessary watering. We have spoken to GWR and they are happy for a portable container to be used near the water butts for this purpose but that STC do not have the necessary equipment to assist with this. All relevant members of Council and Rotary have undertaken their onboard training to be at the station and have indeed been given access to the locked areas to assist with the work necessary.

Secondly would it be possible for us to have vehicle access to the car park when we are watering etc at the Station. As the moment we often have to park in Alexander Square car park, due to lack of parking in the roads surrounding the station, then bring containers full of water down the hill, which are both heavy and awkward to manage

It would be a great pity if the area could not be enhanced because going forward, the long-range weather forecast does not show masses of rain for the next few months so and flowers need watering to keep them looking bright and fresh.

Thank you in anticipation

Cllr Brenda Samuels and Secretary Saltash Rotary Club

**End of Report**