



Chris Heaton-Harris MP, left, with local volunteers and London Northwestern Railway representatives

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Long Buckby station approach gets green makeover following London Northwestern Railway community grant

Passengers visiting Long Buckby railway station are enjoying a greener experience thanks to a partnership between London Northwestern Railway (LNR) and community volunteers.

The project, titled “Trees for Station Road”, has seen dedicated volunteers plant dozens of young trees along the approach road to the popular station.

Chris Heaton-Harris MP, whose Daventry constituency includes Long Buckby station, visited the project last week to see the volunteers in action.

The project is part of LNR's "Your Community, Your Fund" scheme, funded by the Department for Transport. Under the scheme, LNR and sister company West Midlands Railway are investing £1.7million in dozens of community projects across the rail network.

Chris Heaton-Harris MP said: "I was delighted to visit this fantastic initiative and see for myself the hard work of a wonderful team of volunteers. Their work will improve the appearance of the area, absorb pollution and attract wildlife.

"I would like to say a big thank you to London Northwestern Railway for supporting the project and I look forward to seeing the trees blossom."

Among the varieties planted at the site are cherry trees, mountain ash, grey alder and silver birch. The cherry trees have been provided as part of a scheme run by the Japanese government.

Tim Bellenger, LNR head of stakeholder and community, said: "Making our stations warm and welcoming for our customers is incredibly important and we were delighted to support our fantastic team of volunteers at Long Buckby.

"Schemes like this do brilliant work in developing a positive, enjoyable travelling experience for rail users and local residents and we are so grateful for the hard work of our volunteers who give up their time to bring the project to life."

All involved with the Trees for Station Road group, including chair Maria Summerscale, Lillian Wright from the fundraising committee and parish council supporters, are thrilled to have been able to help make Station Road greener, brighter and with an improved ecological environment.

For more information about getting involved at your local station, visit www.lnr.uk/about-us/community-rail

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