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Subject: Grant request for the planters at Robertsbridge Station.

Hi Karen,

It's hard to believe that it is nearly a year since my request for a grant to provide plants at the Station.

I'm please that this year we won't have the ticket office closures to worry about. Indeed, that is quite a relief across the whole local network.

You may remember that last year we combined the planting with a trip to the station for the adults who attend the Friary Gardeners Centre in Hastings. The Friary Gardeners provide learning opportunities for adults with additional needs and have in the past grown the plants we use locally at the stations. We propose to do that again this year. I know that Ross is keen to host and have a picnic with them on the day. It will also provide them with a practical learning session as well as bringing a splash of colour to the station.

I am writing to ask if the Parish council would consider a grant again this year? Last year they were kind enough to offer the project £200 and that was enough to see the main planters re populated with lovely colours throughout the spring and summer months. Please see photos.

I wonder if the council could do the same this year and if possible a little more to help with the hanging baskets too.

It would be lovely if representatives from the council could attend the planting day picnic too. When we arrive at the date.

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

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