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Runcorn East station in bloom

Runcorn East station has been given a green boost after volunteers and pupils from local schools helped to make environmental improvements to the site.

Local volunteers tidied up the green areas at the station, creating a small garden near the station building. Bat boxes have also been crafted and erected around the station, and signs reminding rail users not to drop litter are now clearly visible around the site.

The improvements have been designed to make Runcorn East, which has a long heritage in the area, into a wildlife-friendly train station and more pleasant for rail users to visit.

The project was made possible by funding from local chemicals manufacturer INEOS ChlorVinyls through the Landfill Communities Fund, as part of The Mersey Forest. It was co-ordinated by Halton Borough Council's Community Team, Northern Rail Users Group with support from Norton Priory staff.

Janet Ward of INEOS ChlorVinyls said: "These improvements will enable people from all sections of the community to enjoy visiting this historic train station. It's great to see such an improvement in the station's green space."

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