



**Essex & South Suffolk
Community Rail Partnership**

**CRDF Showcase
June 25th 2026**



• GAINSBOROUGH LINE •

Living roof on cycle shed at
Chappel



The Project

- Wilder Stations Project report looking at creating new habitat opportunities and enhance existing areas.
- The biggest suggestion was a living roof over the existing cycle shed, which had simple metal bars without a roof.
- Quotes obtained and funding sought – CRDF, ESSCRP, Local Councillor, Essex Wildlife Trust.
- Roof installed, with insect houses and populated with sedums.
- Water trough at side populated with water plants.
- Launch event held for funders and local community.
- Social media and press releases



What we did

Outcomes

- More bikes being stored in the shed – 100% increase
- Increased amount of bio-diverse green space – more insects observed
- Water trough installed with plants selected for their attractiveness to diverse water life
- School visits – initial one held and regular termly visits scheduled



Learning and reflection

- Focus on outcomes encouraged more engagement with the community, particularly the school and the Parish Council
- Need to build in time in the project to monitor the outcomes
- Hands on local adopters was key

