

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

Autumn 2019



Matlock Bath in Profile on BBC1 Television – Rob Pittam



The BBC has commissioned the independent film make, Robin Hood Media, to produce a thirty minute documentary on Matlock. Editor Rob Pittam tells us what it's all about.

If you have been out and about in Matlock Bath over the summer, you will almost certainly have come across our TV camera crews. We are recording a documentary for the BBC on tourism in the village. The programme, part of a series called "Holidays at Home", is due to go out in October on BBC1. The series will look at tourism in resorts around the country.

For the East Midlands, the BBC chose Matlock Bath – intrigued by its reputation as a seaside resort miles from the coast. We have tried to capture a flavor of that, but also to look at some of the attempts to widen the tourism offer by persuading visitors to stay longer by developing the infrastructure, and promoting the heritage and extending the season.

We have spent the last two months talking to businesses, owners and tourists themselves as they cope with what has been a challenging summer. We have been filming as the rains came down and the river rose, but we have also seen the hottest day of the year and warmest late August Bank Holiday ever. We have filmed the testing of Edwardian woolen swimming costumes at the refurbished outdoor thermal swimming pool at the New Bath Hotel to see if they go soggy in water (spoiler alert: they do), followed by a band of buccaneers for Pirate Weekend, captured the drama of a stolen pedalo and watched the daring of the maintenance teams checking the cable cars at the Heights of Abraham. We have also eaten more fish and chips than are probably good for us and we have come to love the place and its characters.

We hope you'll agree that our drone footage and high quality cameras do justice to the natural beauty of Matlock Bath. We are now preparing to film the illuminations and looking forward to them providing a suitably spectacular finale to the programme. It has become a labour of love for us and we would like to take this chance to say a big "thank you" to everyone we have filmed and everyone who has agreed to talk to us.

We are very grateful for all your patience. We hope you like the documentary all about your wonderful village.

Police and Crime Commissioner - DDDC



You might or might not be aware that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Dhindsa, has been touring around Derbyshire's towns and villages since he was elected. He wanted somewhere iconic to be the final stop for the tour and on **Saturday 26th October** will end the tour in Matlock Bath including a visit to the illuminations.

There will be a 'meet and greet' at the Fishpond from 4.00 pm-5.00 pm where local residents can come and discuss anything they wish. This will be followed by a walk round Matlock Bath visiting local facilities.

Mr Dhindsa will then do an extremely brief address to the crowd around 6.40 pm at the illuminations.

Pavilion Toilet Facility (the Spend a Penny Project)



We have heard from the lead partner in this project, the Grand Pavilion, that the project has fallen due to issues with the planning application. This is very disappointing and toilets at the Pavilion end of the village are a crucial facility for the village. The Parish Council will continue to work and lobby for new toilets here and at Artists' Corner.

Art and Photography Competitions 2019



*Kathleen Kellett,
2018*

There is still time to enter our Art and Photography Competitions.

Art Competition - This year marks the 40th Pro Loco Art Competition and we are looking forward to seeing what this year's entrants have done. Remember your finished piece can be done in any style – drawing and painting, mixed media, computer graphics, Textiles and 3D. The competition is open to all entrants with prizes for all age categories – Infant, Junior, Secondary and Adults. The last date to submit an entry form is 11th October. Arrangements will then be made for you to drop your work off in the village over the weekend of 12th and 13th October.

All Artwork will be displayed in the Pump Room of the Pavilion on **Saturday 19th October 2019 between 1.00 pm-4.00 pm** where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite piece.

Photography Competition - This year marks the 10th Pro Loco Photography and we already have received some wonderful photographs showcasing our beautiful village. We are still lacking entries from our local residents and would remind you that the competition is open to all age groups, prizes in every category. We even have a special prize for the best photograph by a resident.

In addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, we will also award prizes for Best Picture of 'The Heritage of Matlock Bath' – something which captures the rich and interesting history of the village, Best Picture of 'A Hidden Gem of Matlock Bath' as well as the Parish Council prize – this is awarded for something 'different' which encapsulates the character and spirit of Matlock Bath.

With the help and support of sponsors, we are also awarding prizes for 'Best Picture of Masson Mills', 'Best Picture of Heights of Abraham', 'Best Picture of Holy Trinity Church', 'Best Picture of the Illuminations, sponsored by DDDC.

The competition will close on **Friday 11th October 2019**. Shortly after the closing date, entries will be shortlisted and displayed in the Pump Room of the Pavilion. The finalists will then be displayed on **Sunday 20th October 2019 between 1.00 pm-4.00 pm** where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite photographs.

To enter the competition and upload your photographs, log on to www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk



Peter Newberry, 2018

Matlock Bath Illuminations



The Matlock Bath Illuminations start on 7th September and if past years are to go by the weekends will be pretty busy down in Derwent Gardens. We hope that all residents who live on access only roads will manage to find their illumination permits which were delivered with the June Newsletter. We realise that June is somewhat early to receive the passes for September but hopefully you can appreciate that we have to co-ordinate the delivery of these with our Newsletter editions. The Parish Council has spares of the permits so any resident who has put them in a 'safe place' but now cannot find them can get replacements by contacting the Clerk.

We cannot stress enough that DDDC employs the marshals and closes the roads to protect the residents and to prevent visitors from parking on our side roads. Please ensure that your parking permits are in your vehicle and are visible to the marshals. As always, if you have any comments to make about the illuminations – positive or negative – please contact the Clerk so these comments can be passed on to the appropriate people.

Derbyshire Dales District Council will be arranging a Review Meeting for the Illuminations at which residents are invited to attend. The meeting will be advertised on our website, on our noticeboard and on social media as soon as a date is known.

Coming Soon

This year's Singing Round the Tree will be held on Monday 23rd December 2019 at 7.00 pm in Memorial Gardens. Further details will be published in the December issue of the Newsletter.

CLIMB (CLimateMatlockBath)

Recent reports from United Nations climate and wildlife committees have been a wake-up call to action for many people in Matlock Bath. Please read on and join us. It helps to do something about what you care about! Matlock Bath Climate Emergency Group, now known as CLIMB (CLimateMatlockBath) started on 3rd July 2019, following up interest at our public meeting presenting a powerful talk by Rob Tresidder of Wirksworth Transition and Peak Extinction Rebellion (XR,) held in the Grand Pavilion on 13th June. On 15th May 2019 our group attended the Parish Council meeting to request that a climate emergency be declared and acted upon. The Parish Council then held an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss and resolve to set up an Advisory Group consisting of residents and representatives of the Parish Council who will advise on becoming carbon neutral as early as possible; on advising and informing people about what we can all do to reduce our 'carbon footprint'; on using influence and leverage on higher levels of government; and how and what partnerships might work to reduce local carbon emissions by more than half by 2030, as a huge consensus among climate scientists agrees is necessary.

Since July we have met four times. The membership has grown to 27, with meetings attended by 10-15 people. In a short period of time we have managed to begin involvement in a wide range of climate related projects. These include one sub-group involved in the Parish Council Advisory Group and other sub groups are: for the making of banners; the testing of air quality in Matlock Bath; the lobbying of politicians; an exploration of local waste issues, including increasing recycling and reducing single-use plastics, particularly in businesses; the use of local thermal waters for energy; participation in activism with strict adherence to Nonviolence; the support of the student strikes for climate; the development of a website (watch this space); possibilities for "greening" of the annual "Matlock Bath Illuminations"; the exploration and sharing of approaches to helping the impact of the climate emergency on children and young people; and participation in other groups focussing on the climate emergency. Several of the group are also members of Peak Extinction Rebellion and other environmental organisations. We have contact with other XR groups in Derbyshire and nearby, as well as national XR, and also with the Transition Movement, in both Wirksworth and Chesterfield and Derbyshire Climate Coalition. Sub-groups communicate and carry forward projects outside the meetings - everyone does only what they can and want to do. We have twice moved base in Matlock Bath - it is fair to say CLIMB is still in search of a settled home.

Anyone interested in joining the Matlock Bath Climate Advisory Group should e-mail
climateadvisorygroup@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

This address can also be used for anyone interested in any of the CLIMB projects mentioned above or with any other suggestions or ideas for work together on climate emergency. Next meetings will also be posted on the Parish Council website and NextDoor.com

Act of Remembrance – Sunday 10th November 2019



The Remembrance Ceremony this year will held on **Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45 am. Please note the change of time again this year.**

The Ceremony will be held in Memorial Gardens. Wreathes will be laid on behalf of the Parish Council and also the young people of the village.

Rev Nick Grayshon will represent Holy Trinity Church and lead the prayers.

A warm invitation goes out to all to attend.

Seniors Christmas Lunch 2019

This year's Seniors Christmas Lunch will be held on **Monday 2nd December 2019 at The New Bath Hotel.**

We are extremely delighted that the numbers attending our Christmas Lunches each year have continued to grow but as we have previously reported, we struggle to increase our budget. Therefore, as we have done for the past couple of years, we will be asking all villagers who would like to attend the Seniors Christmas Lunch to contribute £5 each towards their meal. We very much hope that this will not prevent anybody from coming. Why not come along – meet other residents of the village and enjoy a wonderful pre-Christmas meal. If you are interested in attending the lunch, please contact the Clerk on 07914 420545 or clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk to reserve your place **no later than Monday 21st October 2019.** If you have already contacted the Clerk and your name is on the list, you do not need to confirm this.

Pre-menu selections will be circulated as soon as they are available. The lunch will be at 1.00 pm.

District Councillor Report – Cllr Garry Purdy

On three separate occasions our staff have been able to stop travelers from entering the Station Car Park in Matlock Bath. This came about as a result of the Authority carrying out eviction notices when the travelers were camped illegally in Bakewell and Matlock. Following my instructions the entrance to our hot spots were blocked and we monitored the direction of travel of the travelers. When the travelers had to leave the ABC ground at Bakewell in July at least twenty caravan units made camp illegally on Cromford Meadows by breaking a padlock on a metal farm gate and entering the ground. They were evicted the next day by the landowner. Whilst we have done our best to stop travelers from making illegal encampments, we are not in a position to monitor the situation on a 24/7 basis and as Bakewell has experienced recently, the travelers could descend upon us at any time. It really needs new legislation by Government to help deal with this issue.

As Leader of Derbyshire Dales District Council I have been tasked by the Minister for Housing, Communities & Local Government, the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP to appoint a Senior Officer as the 'Brexit Officer' for Derbyshire Dales District Council. Mr Paul Wilson, Chief Executive is that Officer. This instruction has gone out to all Leaders of Local Authorities.

Just to reassure you though, well before the Brexit deadline that was previously set for March of this year a Brexit Committee came together in Derbyshire including Chief Executives of all Authorities, the Assistant Chief Constable of Derbyshire and other relevant Officers in order to ensure that all Derbyshire Authorities were in a state of preparedness in the event of a 'No Deal' Brexit. So plans are in place as a prudent measure.

I am sure you have seen the threat to life and the displacement of people from their homes due to the risk of the dam bursting its banks at Whaley Bridge. Thankfully the threat was removed and the emergency plan for Derbyshire worked extremely well and all of the agencies involved did a fantastic job. Our Authority was placed on standby to assist with re-housing people in the event that the dam did burst. Thank goodness it did not.

Paddle Peak – Pete Astles



Paddle Peak headed up by Escape UK (Belper based adventure providers) and Peak UK (Darley Dale based paddlesport equipment and manufacturers) ran 'come and try' kayaking sessions over the bank holiday weekend as part of Cromford Mill's Outdoor Weekend. The weekend saw almost 250 local kids enjoying kayaking on the Cromford Canal.

Free of charge sessions for local youngsters ran every half hour on the Cromford Canal around the Wharf. Every session was fully booked up and gave the young paddlers a great introduction to the wonderful sport of kayaking.

Instructors included James Bebbington and Sally Montgomery and freestyle kayaking demos were given daily by international athletes including James Bebbington, World Champion, wowing the sun baked crowds into the different disciplines of the sport. Olympic Champion Etienne Stott was canal side with his medal, inspiring the youngsters with his story from boy scout to London 2012 glory and beyond. The weekend was part of Paddle Peak's vision to inspire and enable local youngsters to take up paddlesports.

Paddle Peak's goal now is to set up a waterside activity base with changing facilities, boat storage and classrooms for use by local clubs, emergency services and activity providers. The base will give local young, disabled and less fortunate people the chance to try and take up paddlesports. In turn promoting healthy exercise, lifestyle and good mental well being.

Paddle Peak is a group of Derbyshire paddlesport businesses, clubs and professionals powered by a shared passion. Their vision is to work collectively on the following areas:

Access – Open up the River Derwent Valley for paddlesports.

Inspire – Enable local youngsters to take up paddlesports

Care – Preserve the River Derwent Valley and protect its wildlife

Share – Responsibly and respectfully share the River Derwent Valley with other users.

Promote – Boost the visitor economy by promoting local business.

For more details on where and how you can take up paddlesports in the Derwent Valley contact

www.paddlepeak.org or e-mail info@paddlepeak.org

The Very Long Road to Winter Lighting – The Leader Grant



One of my grannie's favourite sayings was "everything comes to he who waits". That is certainly true in the case of the winter lighting. You may remember back in the dark days of Winter 2017, the Parish Council was awarded LEADER funding for two projects in the village, these being winter lighting along the riverside and signage. After been given the go ahead, the work began. Unfortunately the project has been plagued with problems from the outset.

After the initial success the first lights fitted between Jubilee Bridge and the Memorial Shelter kept failing and the contractors returned on numerous occasions to try to rectify the problems. With amended plans for Phase 2, lights in more trees, cross rivers and festoons from Jubilee Bridge to the Riverside Development, we hit major problems with permissions from DCC, DDDC and the Environmental Agency proving problematic. Undaunted we ploughed on. Issues arose with regard to the cross rivers as simple hanging lights would have blown about in the wind, got tangled or broken so frames had to be designed and built to take the lights. Three of these were installed for the 2018 illuminations but almost immediately the lights proved faulty. After issues with the manufacturers and delivery hold ups these were eventually installed in May.

Over the winter we returned to the problem of riverside festoons and the Parish Council decided that the simplest solution would be to use the DDDC infrastructure on Lovers' Walk for these lights. These were installed in May. However, these did not work as a fault with the timer on Lovers Walk was discovered and major work had to be carried out by DDDC on their light infrastructure. Finally, in August this year, these lights were switched on we are pleased to say that the complete set of winter lighting will be working in time for this year's illuminations. The lights will now remain on through the winter.



All that remains of the Leader funding project (other than a mountain of paperwork) is sorting out the fingerposts and map lecterns. The license to site these is due from DCC any day! We hope these can be in place for the start of next year's tourist season. The map lecterns will be installed in Station and Temple Road Car Parks and on the Parades near the Memorial Gardens and by the Pavilion Car Park. The new fingerposts will be by the Memorial Gardens and Jubilee Bridge. Looks like grannie was right!!

Matlock 50+ Forum – Nick Dibben

"Matlock 50+ Giving Derbyshire's 50+ community a voice. Join our group and get your questions answered, your voice heard. We have speakers 4 times a year on topics our members suggest, which could include you. There is time for questions.

Our meetings are free and include a tea and biscuit break. You can join the 50+ group when you attend your first meeting. There is no obligation to come every time we meet. The meetings are on Mondays from 2.00 pm-4.00 pm at The Imperial Rooms in Matlock. The next one is on 16th September and then on 18th November. We can arrange transport to and from the meetings. If you want to get more involved, you can join the working group to help arrange the meetings – we meet once a month for less than two hours. The Matlock group covers the surrounding communities including Wirksworth, Darley Dale, Winster, Tansley, Matlock and Matlock Bath.

50+ is funded by Derbyshire County Council Adult Services. We have a forum support officer who supports our work, but it is up to the volunteers who run the working group to arrange speakers for our open forums from the topics suggested by our members. Past topics have included: Befriending, Blue Badge Scheme, Cyber crime, Defibrillators, Derbyshire Community Bank, Driving safely for longer, fire safety, the internet, home safety, local bus transport, local health and healthwatch, local MP Q&A, pensions, personal insurance, probate, recycling, scams, time swap, trading standards, trusted traders, welfare rights.

For more information go to: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/50-plus-forum/50-forums.aspx or contact fandibben@btinternet.com

Articles for Future Editions of the Newsletter

If you have something which you think fellow residents would enjoy reading about and you would like to include it in our Newsletter, please contact the Clerk – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Climate Emergency – What Can I Do?



As you are aware the Parish Council at its meeting in May declared a climate emergency but what can we all do to help? There are many simple things we can all do, perhaps they won't change the world tomorrow but individuals can make a difference by reducing their personal carbon footprint. You will have many ideas of your own or you may have stories of what you are doing to help. The Parish Council would love you to share them with us and we will put them on our website and include them in future editions of the Newsletter. E-mail: climateadvisory@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk. Below are just a few ideas the Parish Council has come up with to get you started:

- Do you need to use the car? Could you walk, cycle, use public transport, car share or just combine a series of journeys into one?
- Dry the washing naturally either outside or in instead of using a tumble dryer.
- Instead of take away coffees in cups or water in plastic bottles, have your own reusable coffee cup or water bottle. Don't just do this as a short term token as you must use it at least 25 times (up to 100 times for some) as these need more energy to produce than throwaways.
- Businesses could offer discounts for customers who use their own or maybe join a refill scheme. Go to www.refill.org.uk or google other organisations. Could be a great advert for the village.
- Think about what you eat and its carbon footprint. Always think local and seasonal, why not try 'Meatless Mondays' where you forgo meat one day a week. There is a great website on the BBC that assists in working out the carbon footprint of your diet. Go to www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-46459714 Some of the results are surprising.
- Reduce your food waste by planning meals ahead of time, freezing the excess and reusing leftovers.
- Always use your own reusable bag when you shop and try to avoid items with excess packaging.
- Change incandescent light bulbs, switch lights off when you leave the room and unplug your electronic devices when they are not in use.
- Re-use, recycle or upcycle. Re-use plastic containers such as ice cream, recycle via the weekly household collections or the DCC depot at Darley Dale what you cannot re-use. Upcycle via charity shops and websites such as Freegle and many more. One person's throw away is someone else's need.

"A View from the Bathchair"



With so much happening in the village over the summer I have decided to make most of my article for September a list of short news items which you will find throughout this edition of the Newsletter.

I would also take this opportunity to remind residents that the Parish Council will continue to take whatever positive steps it can to promote the village through every avenue. Therefore, when approached by BBC TV programme makers on two occasions recently, we have done whatever we can to facilitate their needs in taking the wonders of our village to the widest possible audience.

You will see an article from one of the programme editors on the front page. In the second programme, a well-known national event will be visiting the village in November with live television coverage. Look out for full details when they are announced in mid-October.

Wapping Nature Reserve

We are looking for more volunteers to work alongside our current team in the Nature Reserve. Work is obviously weather dependent but there is always plenty to do. Volunteers can do as much, or as little work, as they like even if it is just an hour or even working on a 'one-off' project. If you would be interested in helping in the Reserve please contact the Clerk for further details – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Adoption of Matlock Bath Railway Station



Regular users of the train will know that the flowers tubs are looking good again this year due to the commitment of our five station adopters who look after these throughout the year. There is always room for more residents to become adopters and help with this work. It is not onerous and does have its perks. Anyone interested can contact the Clerk for more information. The adopters have been contacted by EMR, the new rail franchise company, to ask for ideas about how the station could be improved for disabled visitors as they have chance to bid for government money for this. With the support of DDDC and the Whistlestop, we have put in an application for a changing places toilet. This would make a wonderful addition to the toilet facilities in the village for all and encourage more disabled to travel to the village by train.

Grit Bins & Winter Service Scheme

We never like to think of the onset of winter but must prepare for the worst. As ever, we would ask you to check any yellow grit bins in your area. If they are damaged or need replenishing, please contact Derbyshire County Council. All bins are numbered and you will need to quote this number when you report it.

The Parish Council will again, this year, participate in Derbyshire County Council's Winter Service Scheme. Derbyshire County Council is only responsible for clearing snow from the highway and the intention is that if we can recruit volunteers to help clear snow and ice on pavements or footpaths, residents can still get out to the shops, bus stops etc despite the conditions. For this purpose DCC will provide us with a supply of 'free' grit. Volunteers will liaise with our Snow Warden for grit to be either delivered to the areas it is required or collected. Volunteers would then use it to clear the snow and ice on pavements and public footpaths – but not roads/highway.

The Parish Council receives reports each year from residents concerned that the yellow grit bins are empty because the grit has been used on private driveways. Please remember that grit bins are provided by DCC for use on public pavements, paths and roads only – NOT private property. As you can imagine DCC is not always able to refill grit bins immediately so please do not use the grit provided in the yellow bins for your own personal use.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help clear snow and ice from the footpaths/pavements please contact the Clerk – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Government has set out some simple steps as part of the Snow Code. For more information log on to www.derbyshire.gov.uk and search for Snow Code.

Welcome Back!



Last Autumn, the District Council removed the fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road as it was deemed unsafe. It was discovered that the underground base was corroded. After negotiation with DDDC, the Parish Council was approached to take overall responsibility for it once DDDC had repaired and reinstated it. These items are expensive to buy and are integral to directing visitors around the village.



27-29 September 2019

Christians all over the country will be uniting to pray for neighbours, friends and local communities over the weekend of September 27th to 29th, 2019.

Holy Trinity Church is taking part

We are inviting prayer requests from you, your friends, neighbours, local school, businesses, public services, care homes, our MP and our Parish, District and County Councils, and anyone else who feels they are in need of prayer.

Prayer changes things!!

Do get involved and let us know how you would like us to continue to pray for you and for the well-being of our own community of Matlock Bath!

The Church, at the end of Temple Road car park, will be open for prayer on
Saturday 28th - 11.30am - 2.30pm
Sunday 29th - 2.30pm – 4.00pm

And especially for those who have worked the weekend on
Monday 30th from 10am - noon

Contact: Nick, the Vicar, on 01629 583924
or email: holytrinitymatlockbath@hotmail.com

New Rail Franchise for the East Midlands



Abellio UK, was recently awarded the new eight year East Midlands Railway (EMR) franchise by the Department of Transport to run trains to Matlock Bath. They have confirmed that it has also awarded a £400 million contract to Hitachi Rail to build a pioneering new fleet of intercity trains. The positive changes by EMR will include:

- Replacement of the entire train fleet – Abellio has ordered 33 five-carriage trains, which will regularly be operated in 10 carriage formations. The trains will include features that passengers and local stakeholders have said they want to see, including air conditioning, free Wi-Fi throughout, plug sockets and better passenger information screens. There will be an improved and more consistent 'seven day' catering service in both 1st and Standard Class.
- The new Hitachi trains are quieter and greener, meaning lower carbon emissions and a better environment for passengers, stations and communities along the route. They have the ability to run using electric overhead lines wherever possible, taking advantage of the £1.5 billion Midland Main Line upgrade and, when running in diesel mode, will cut harmful emissions by up to 90% compared to the legacy High Speed Trains.
- Investment of £20 million on stations with larger schemes at Leicester, Nottingham and Derby. Six stations will become 'eco stations'.
- More services and faster journey times on intercity routes and better regional and local services, especially at peak times and weekends. We are hoping for a half hourly service on the Derwent Valley line.
- Improved connections and services to the main airports of East Midlands and London Luton.
- Doubling capacity into London St Pancras and 40% more peak time capacity into Nottingham through more services and longer trains.
- Extension of smart and mobile ticketing and a flexible season ticket introduced in 2020 to reflect the changing working week.

The station adopter scheme will stay in place, hopefully with enhancements of what we do.

Christmas Wreath Making



This year's Christmas Wreath Making will be held in Cromford Community Centre on Friday 6th December 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Come and enjoy an evening creating a festive wreath to take home with you. Seasonal refreshments served. Look out for posters with more details nearer the date.

Listed Building Renovated



Two of the 50+ listed buildings in the village are the K6 telephone boxes on The Parades. The one on North Parade was decommissioned a few years ago but the one by the Pavilion Car Park is still operational. It was reported in the Spring that the door was damaged and would not close. We contacted BT who sent out engineers to fix the door. To complete the renovation, we persuaded BT to repair some glass, some internal equipment and repaint the box. It now stands resplendent and is a popular spot for tourist photographs. One day it may even be used for a phone call!

Disappointed but Not Downhearted – Matlock Bath Development Association

As announced in previous Newsletters, the Development Association was hoping for funding from Leader (European Funding for Rural Tourism) for developing the Accessible Trail into a Sensory Trail. Unfortunately we were unable to get all of the necessary permissions in place from the Environment Agency before the deadline. However, other grant funders are available and we aim to plough on with this work and apply for funding in the future.

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