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## **Walkden station 'blooms' with FOWS**



Friends of Walkden Station completed their biggest station improvement project yet with the installation of three large galvanized metal planters on the platform.

The planters have been funded by an "In Bloom" grant from Salford City Council and form part of a larger scheme with four identical planters being installed nearby by the Walkden Road Traders Group.

FOWS have chosen a mix of evergreen plants (scimmia, pieris, euonymous) for year-round interest, perennials (albretia & saxifraga) that will flower every year, and summer bedding (marigolds) for an instant splash of colour.

The new planters have been built by local engineering company J. Hughes and filled with plants and material supplied by nearby Linnyslaw Garden Centre.

Previously FOWS have rebuilt & replanted flower beds that lay disused for decades, bringing colour and interest to an otherwise bleak platform waiting area.

### **About the Friends of Walkden Station (FOWS)**

FOWS is a community volunteer group that campaigns for improved services and facilities at Walkden station in Greater Manchester. The group perform voluntary activities such as gardening, litter collections, and cleaning to improve the station environment.

FOWS works in partnership with Salford City Council, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive and, in particular, Northern Rail.

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