

Friends of Brighthouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighthouse Station

Better Blooms at Brighthouse Station

**Award Winning News from Friends of Brighthouse
Station April 2026**



Hello To All Our Members And Sponsors

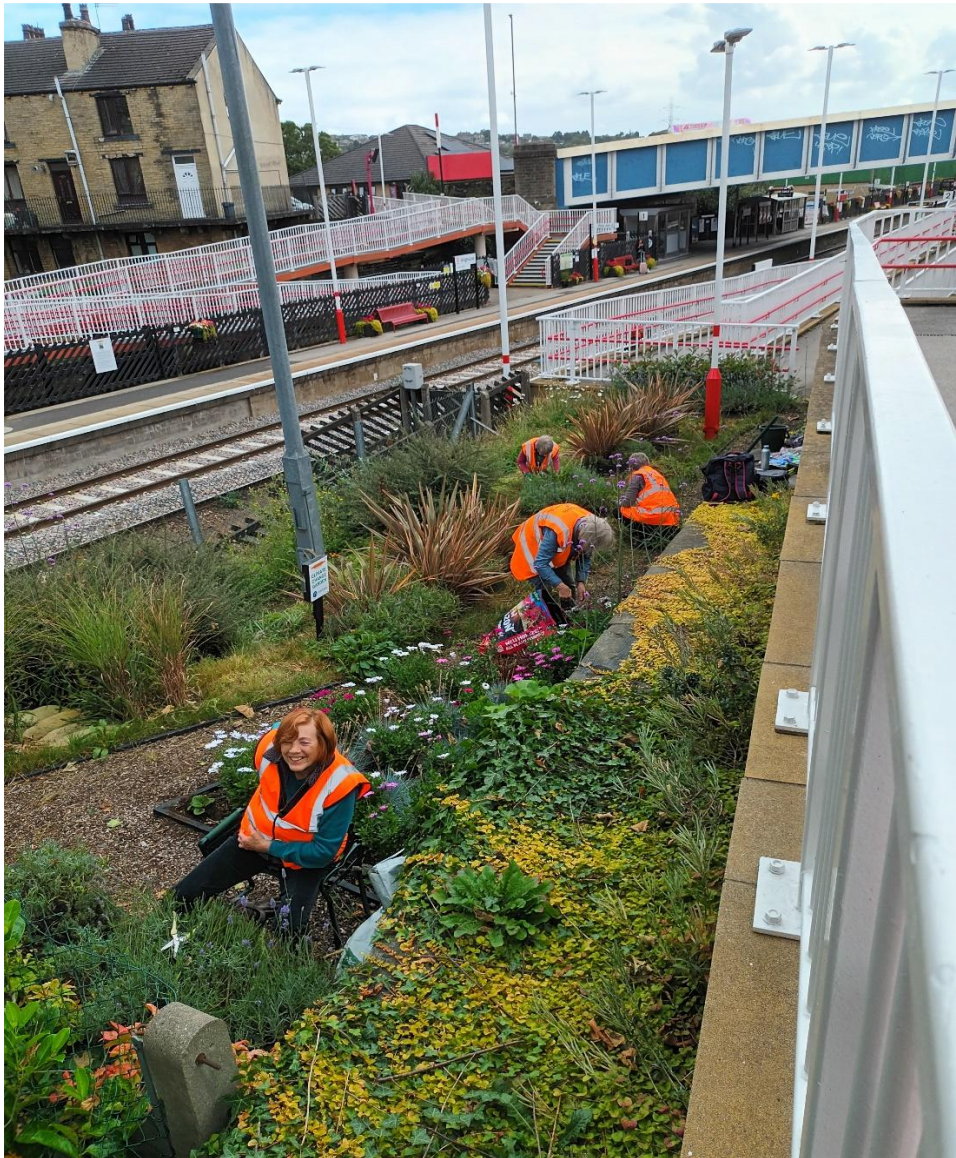
We had some amazing news from Community Rail on 26th of March. I said in an earlier edition that the photograph we entered into the community rail photographic competition had been shortlisted for the final.

FoBS were duly invited to the Award Ceremony at Derby Arena. There was an audience of around 600 people from all over the country. Towards the end of the evening the winner of our photographic category was announced as Brighthouse Busy Lizzies. It was a lovely surprise and everyone around us stood up and cheered at the result. Another National award for us to bring home along with a trophy and certificate. The picture features four of our volunteers in HI Viz working in the recently completed Climate Change Garden. A fine example of community working. An ongoing thank you to everyone concerned both with building and upkeep of the area and the rest of the station. Our local press did an online feature which caused a lot of interest.

Radio Leeds took an interest in the award and conducted an interview on their Monday morning show. Due to the wonders of modern technology and one of our technologically minded volunteers it can be heard by going on our website www.friendsofbrighthousestation.org.uk

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A New Hotel In The Climate Change Garden

As one of the features at Brighouse Station a bug hotel was installed several years ago just off the side of platform 1 at the far end. Due to platform widening the bug hotel needed to be moved hastily and was placed under the steps out of the way on Platform 1. At that time there was no other suitable area to move it to. As the structure had started to lean quite badly it was decided to rebuild a new one in a more bug friendly area ie The Climate Change Garden which would be more suitable and would have a small planted roof easily accessible to insects and birds.

New pallets were collected and arranged with a firm foundation and where the sun and wind could access the structure giving better shelter for its

inhabitants and a better garden area for the plants which could retain moisture and insects.

The spaces between the pallets have been filled with broken clay pots, twigs and garden debris which will be suitable for small animals, twigs and nesting material. Within five minutes of completion we counted 5 ladybirds sunbathing in the morning sun. Wild flower seeds have been sown around the bug hotel which will attract bees & insects. All we are short of is a sensible (but possibly humorous name) which we could add to the area on a wooden post.

If anyone can think of a suitable name please go to our website and click on contact us where your suggestion will be looked at. Closing date 30th April. Alternatively put your idea in an envelope clearly marked FoBS Bug Hotel and take it to the Station Café. The envelopes will be collected by May first and names judged. There are no prizes just the joy of seeing the name on the Bug Hotel.



New Heritage Primroses

In the dark days after Christmas we decided to plant some spring flowering cream Primroses to cheer the station up which shows the commitment of our volunteers to keep some plants in flower every day of the year at the station.

Our violas in the fence planters are magnificent



Gooder Lane Bridge

Looking magnificent in the spring sunshine Cast your mind back a few years to see if you can remember what it was like.



Lovely reflections on the artwork of the trees across the road .

Finally, thank you to all the members and guests who attended our AGM in March. Richard Isaac gave us a very interesting insight into the progress being made with the Trans Pennine Route Upgrade and some exciting new future projects in the pipeline. David James showed a video of the Radio Leeds broadcast which included some recent photographs which was very much appreciated by all.

We are now looking ahead to the delivery of the summer plants which hopefully will give the station the usual brilliant displays. Hope you all enjoy the spring weather, when it arrives!!!

Regards

Paul Marshall (Chairman)