

Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

Autumn News from Brighouse Station 2022

It has been another hectic time at the station since my last newsletter.



The autumn plant changeover took place on the 17th 18th 19th of October when many of our volunteers worked hard to complete the task. It took approximately 74 volunteer hours to complete the work including the preparation of a new section by the platform 2 ramp where 300 dwarf daffodil bulbs were planted along with 68 yellow pansies and other bulbs which should flower through the winter and

into spring.



Earlier the summer contractors completed the underbridge platform 1 widening which can now hold many more passengers at peak times. They had to overcome the heat wave and materials shortages as well as needing to wait until the cooler weather to lay the tarmac.



All the station history boards have now been cleaned and re positioned from each platform to give passengers chance to study them. This has caused a great deal of interest and people can be seen spending more time looking at them.

During the summer the station was entered into 2 categories of the National Community Rail Network Awards and 2 Categories in the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards Best of Yorkshire. We were fortunate to be shortlisted in the first 6 in the station friends' section and one of 10 in the nationwide photo competition. Two Highly commended awards were received from Yorkshire in Bloom, making Brighouse the only Station in Yorkshire to receive awards for spring and summer displays. The awards can be seen on the new fences on platform 1 along with the newly positioned brass band history boards.

For the technically minded people Friends of Brighouse Station now have a facebook page which contains some lovely photographs of our summer plant displays. Along with our established website.



As you can imagine this year there has been a great deal of extra time spent by our volunteers taking care of the plant displays and keeping the station tidy.

Our members, sponsors and supporters play a vital role in our work at the station which is a Major gateway to and from Brighouse which hopefully leaves a good impression to visitors. Thank you and I hope we will be able to count on your support in the coming year.

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Finally LOL leaves on line a popular topic at the moment, Strangely enough Brighthouse Station is particularly susceptible to slippery rails, Trains approaching from Halifax have to slow down a lot to be able to halt correctly on platform 1.

I spoke to a railtrack Autumn Manager who was taking pictures of the rails to see what colour they were and comparing them with a chart to see how bad the rails are affected.

I saw this train the other day trundling along. It was in fact spraying water on the lines to remove leaf debris. At the back of the train, you can see a fine spray of water being applied to the rails.



