

Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

Better

Blooms at Brighouse Station

News from Brighouse Station 25th Anniversary Edition

Believe it or not It is 25 years since the new Brighouse Station opened and the first Northern Spirit passenger train arrived from Huddersfield.



One of our members sent me a photograph of their VIP ticket for the first train to arrive at the new Brighouse Station on Saturday the 27th of May 2000. This train

carried Calderdale Councillors, Local Dignitaries and representatives from the Railway companies.



The train was met by Clifton and Lightcliffe Brass Band. Hundreds of people filled the car park which contained a marquee in which was a long model of a diesel passenger train made locally from sponge cake. Long queues formed for slices of the cake which were given out to waiting public. There had been much excitement on that weekend as there had been no passenger service for just over thirty years.

If you would like to see more on the opening of Brighouse Station go to our website www.friendsofbrighousestation.org.uk Station History where you will be able to find newspaper articles on the day and when the old station closed on January 3rd 1970 along with original tickets and more photographs.

Alternatively, you can read our two new storyboards which will be displayed on the fence when all the station refurbishment has been completed.

Major Repairs and Refurbishment



As the station will be used by passengers from all over the region in September It has been decided to improve various areas to ease passenger flow and smarten up the car park. Room will be made for rail replacement buses to pick up and drop off from the carpark. Shelters will be provided for waiting bus passengers.

At the main carpark entrance on the left side going in there will be a new path to Birds Royd and better access to the pavement. Some of the shrubs will be removed and the area landscaped after the work is completed. A trench will be dug to make way for new electric and water supplies and the area will be made good.

As you go up the ramp to platform1 there will be a set of steps leading down from the ramp to the carpark. Shrubs will be cleared for better access and new lighting installed.

Across on platform 2 the fence will be taken back under the bridge to give more shelter and room. Footways and railings will also be upgraded.

A summer update will be sent showing the summer plant displays