

# Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

## Midsummer News from Brighouse Station.

It's all change at the Station this summer. When David Bedding stepped down from his post as chairman at the end of June after seven years I was voted in as chair.

I would like to thank David for his hard work and dedication to Brighouse Station helping to transform it along with the rest of the team to a multi award winning station. The committee and sponsors are determined that FoBS will continue the work well into the future.

The plant displays should now be at their best due to the dedication of the watering teams who have certainly had to work extra hard during the heat wave, thank you to Everyone.



We have also entered for several awards on the floral side of things. Two for Yorkshire in Bloom Best of Yorkshire spring and summer, as well as two community Rail Network competitions.

Results should be announced in September so we will keep you posted with the outcome.



There are many Improvements under way and in the pipeline due to be completed by the Autumn. The station seats have already been painted, the steps and ramps have been resurfaced with nonslip surfaces.



At the moment we are working on a new wildlife area at the end of railway Street by the entrance ramp. The idea is to plant bulbs in September and Bird friendly shrubs etc.

We also need a lot of help so if you know anyone or organisation who would be willing to assist, please see FoBS website (activities) or email [paulmfobschair@btinternet.com](mailto:paulmfobschair@btinternet.com)





These photographs were taken before and after the contractors got to work removing all the debris and reducing the height of some of the existing shrubs to enable more light to flood into the area which should encourage new growth. The wood was chipped and returned to site.

The artwork by Calderdale College is ready to install but major improvement work under the bridges needs is being carried out before the artwork can be installed. The foundation holes had been dug by our volunteers but then the station enhancement team said they would be making changes under the bridge which will give more room for the increase in passengers using the station. The holes have duly been filled in and new ones dug further back to accommodate the steel foundations. The fence at the side of the platform is being moved back nearer to the bridge wall and the area tarmaced.



The autumn Pansies for the fence planters, barrels and flowerbeds have been ordered and will be with us at the end of October when the summer bedding plants will have finished.

The Jubilee planter on platform 2 is growing well and should produce stunning autumn and winter colour adding to the flowers and colour produced 365 days

a year at Brighthouse Station. It has been difficult to keep up with all the new features happening this year, every time I sat down to write this newsletter something new popped up or the plants needed extra care after the heat wave. Nevertheless changes for the better are taking place and we hope they will continue. A huge thank you to the working volunteers, members and sponsors who help to make Brighthouse Station attractive to all who pass through it.

Paul Marshall  
Chairman.