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Team of volunteers get railway station ready for the summer

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Volunteers are getting Brighthouse Station in tip-top condition for summer.

Members of the Friends of Brighthouse Station group (FOBS) have been dead-heading, pruning and watering plants at the station, which maintains beautiful plants in its planters, barrels and climate change garden all year round.

The group has cleaned the planters and local history boards of any grime accumulated over the winter, as well as keeping the climate change garden in order.

FOBS chair, Paul Marshall, said the station has

“never looked as good maintenance-wise and plant-wise,” as fragrant wallflower Sugar Rush blooms around the station and the winter plants start to flower.

Mr Marshall added: “We are now getting ready for the summer bedding plants.”

“At the end of May all the winter stuff will have to be taken out.

“When the frost has disappeared, we can then start putting the summer stuff in.”

The group – which now has around 60 members – has looked after the station’s planters and plant beds for around ten years, and in March won the Community Rail Awards

2026 Photography Competition with its entry – Brighthouse Busy Lizzies.

In November last year, a series of improvements to the station was completed, including the addition of CCTV cameras, repainting and the installation of electronic arrival and departure screens.

A new bus stop, shelter and accessible toilet were also installed.

Brighthouse Station car park is currently closed to the public as part of the ongoing Transpennine Route Upgrade, to allow for bus replacement services to and from Huddersfield.

It is expected that the car park will re-open on May 27.



FOBS secretary Anne Cass scrubs off the winter grime from the station planters.