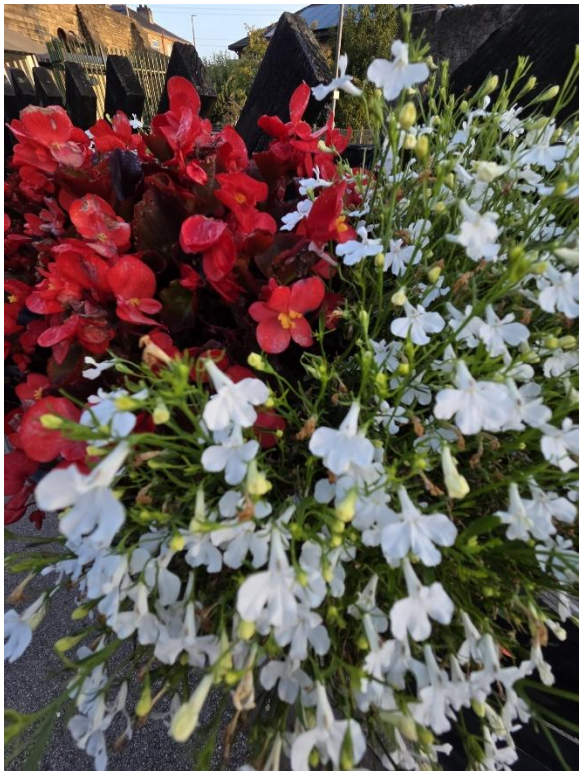
FRIENDS OF BRIGHOUSE STATION
Brighten Your Journey

Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2026 Newsletter

Wow what a summer! Lots of heat waves and very dry spells but still the station is looking stunning.

The summer bedding plants have excelled themselves along with the Climate Change Garden. The recently replanted and landscaped car park entrance has been transformed. This could not happened without the work of our dedicated volunteers who braved the heat and went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure each container had enough water to see them through to the next watering session. The watering took place on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings and the plant deadheading was done during the week. One of our deadheading volunteers has recently retired after many years and was a founder member of the Deadheading team, thank you from all of us. We can't emphasise the importance of this job which keeps the plants in tip top condition all year round. We have three vacancies on our deadheading rota if anyone would like to take a turn. We have a rota and the job takes just over an hour once every 5 weeks. If you fancy a go please let us know by going to friendsofbrighousestation.org.uk and click on contact us, you should then be contacted by email.





Sadly we lost another member of our deadheading team earlier in the year. Beulah Shaw spent many hours maintaining the bug hotel which used to be under the platform 1 steps. We relocated and replanted the bug hotel in the Climate Change Garden near the top of the ramp on platform 2 which has more insects. The newly planted roof of the hotel is establishing well and has survived the heat. During the summer it was full of ladybirds basking in the sun.

As Beulah had spent so much time there we had a wooden sign made with the wording Beulahs Bug Hotel.

Life at the station has trundled on through the summer with alterations to the timetable and rail replacement buses working with the Transpennine Route upgrade. Billions of pounds are being spent on new bridges, signalling and tracks which are being laid throughout the area and stations are being drastically modified to cope with electrification but sadly Brighouse is not part of this. It is said the new battery operated trains will start operating in 2035.

Good News, Northern have introduced a train departure screen at the Commercial just above the extra large tv. This will enable passengers to keep an eye on departures whilst having a swift one.

Trevor Greenwood, the Landlord said this will be the best waiting room in Brighouse

As the summer fades into autumn the new winter Pansies have been planted in the fence planters, barrels and beds and the autumn leaves have shown their magnificent colour. Northern tried out a new leaf removal train last year which was very successful at removing leaves from the railway lines and helping to keep the trains running on time.



Brighouse station is one of the worst for heavy leaf fall which prevents trains from coming to a halt in the correct place.

One of our members made some wonderful posters for Armistice day which were put in the display cases around the station and car park,

many thanks for your artistic skill and time, we are looking forward to the new posters around the station.

A huge amount of effort has been put into our flower displays this year and we can't thank our volunteers enough for their time and effort which again has made us one of the top stations in the area.

Other news

Our station has won two awards this year which is an added bonus.

The first was in the Community Rail Network Photographic competition when Brighouse was the winner out of 300 photographs depicting some of our volunteers working in the Climate Change garden. We called the entry Brighouse Busy Lizzies and had the photo printed and displayed round the station.

The second award was from Yorkshire in Bloom to the chairman for Outstanding Achievement in Horticulture during a long and varied career in Horticulture. Everything is displayed on FoBS facebook page, just click the link on our Website.

2027 is nearly upon us and here are one or two announcements for your diaries.

FoBS Annual Membership will be due in January. The cost for an individual member is £5.00 which we are keeping the same as before.

Annual sponsorship for the station fence planters, barrels and beds will be due in the New Year and each sponsor will be contacted Jan/Feb for renewals.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th April at 7pm at St Johns Conference suite St Johns Street, Rastrick.

Our website www.friendsofbrighousestation.org.uk has been updated where you can find lots of pictures of the station including the beautiful floral displays, Brighouse Busy Lizzies, lots of press cuttings and many more happenings at the station.

If you need to contact us go to the website and click on, contact us by email, We will reply quickly. And if anyone would like to join our volunteering team please let us know. Its not hard and very rewarding, hours and time can be flexible.

Have a lovely festive season and don't forget to look at our photographic pages. There is now a live link to our FoBS facebook page (just click the link) with more up to date information which you can add to.