

Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

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News From Brighouse Station Autumn 2024

As summer fades into autumn our volunteers have carried out our plant changeover for the station using white winter flowering pansies. Pink Bellis and primrose Wallflower Sugar Rush which should give us flowers every day until the end of May next year when Brighouse Station will be 25 years old.

We sent some pictures of the changeover to the Northern Office and received the following reply from Richard Isaac Environment and Sustainability Manager, North East Region.

“As always, the station is looking fantastic. Please pass on our thanks to all the volunteers “.

So well done again to those who helped spending 52 volunteer hours, we have a station to be proud of.



We have entered some station photographs into the Community Rail Network Photographic competition, came seventh in the country a couple of years ago and the picture has been used in some of Northern's publicity material.

We will find out how we have done in December but the final awards don't take place until Spring 2025.



Next May the new Brighouse station will be 25 years old.

It would be interesting to find out if anyone can remember the day the station was opened and the first passenger train from Huddersfield pulled in at Brighouse. More details next year.

Our volunteers worked very hard again this summer watering the planters twice a week using recycled rain water where possible. Again, the displays have been magnificent using peat free compost and we have received many compliments from passengers and train crews.

In March we were awarded Lead Gold at a community Rail network ceremony in Swansea and a Platinum award for the work we did last year.





Our new Climate Change Garden has now matured with the 100 lavender plants and wild flower turf enjoying the mixed summer weather and attracting many bees and pollinating insects of many sorts.

Two new passenger shelters have been built under the bridge and the rest of the station has been painted.



Grand Central have continued to provide regular services to London and the Trans Pennine Route Upgrade has seen trains stopping at Brighouse and replacement rail buses running while Huddersfield station and the line to Leeds has been closed for refurbishment, work will continue well into next year we believe.

The plants for summer 2025 have been ordered ready for growing on next spring and summer.

We are constantly trying to make improvements at the station, a small team of volunteers have worked hard behind the scenes during the summer to tidy up the rest of the station. A special thank you for your efforts during one of our busiest times.

Two new gates have been fitted to separate different areas made from recycled fence timber where the new shelter was fitted on platform 2, tidying up a working area.

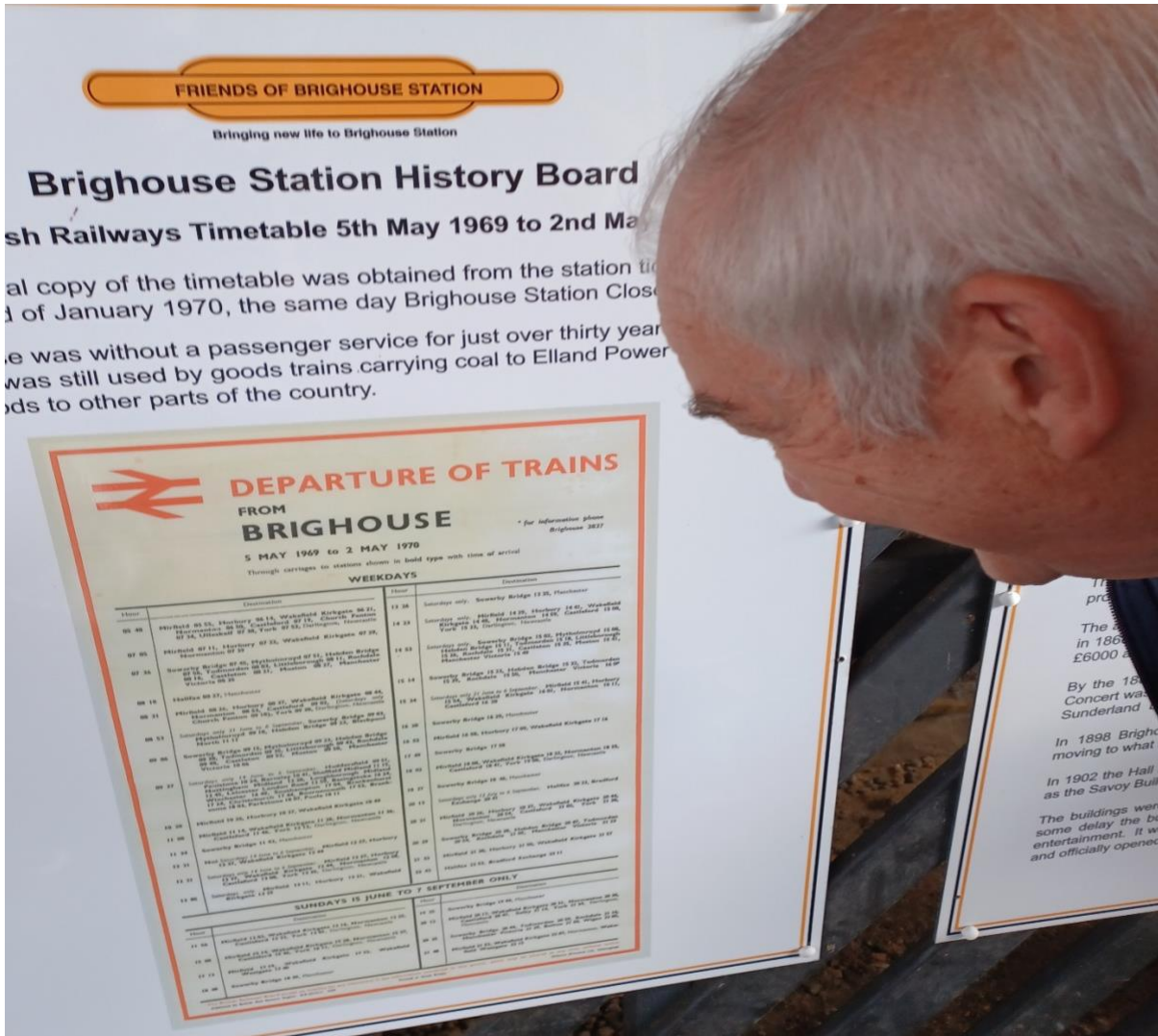


New Gate and cleaned up area.



TransPennine Express rushing through.

At last, we managed to re arrange our history boards on Platform 1 to show a copy of the 1969/ 70 train timetable collected from the old station ticket office the day the old station closed for good. Interesting to see the timetable ran up to May 1970 but the station closed in January of that year.





Our history boards create a great deal of interest but extra new ones are now needed to keep up the interest. If anyone would like to volunteer to research and submit material for local subjects, please let us know. Go to www.friendsofbrighousestation.org.uk and click on contact us.

Finally, some of our working volunteers had a Day trip to Carlisle and travelled over the Ribble Head Viaduct on one of the best sunny days in late summer, they thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

That's it for this autumn so make the most of the fresh air and autumn tints and leaves on the line!

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