

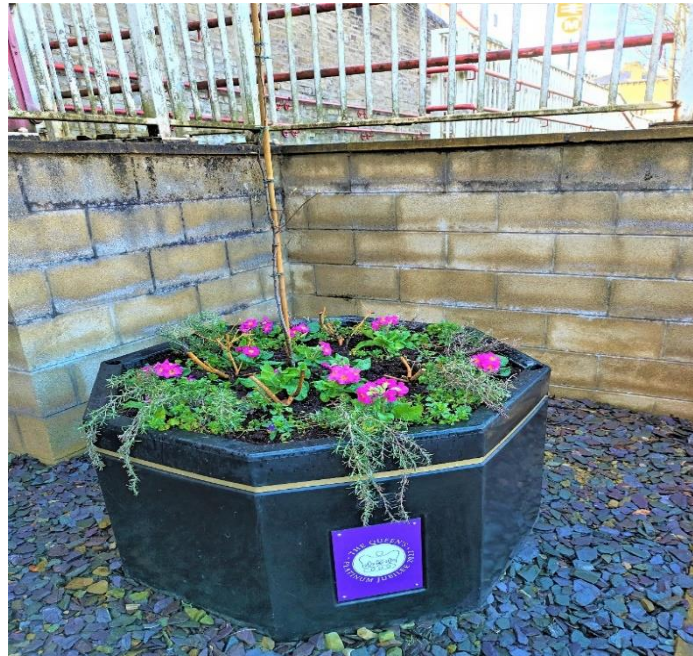
Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

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News From Brighouse Station Spring 2023

Spring has finally sprung after the long hard winter months which has proved challenging to our platform containers which after several liquid feeds are slowly recovering and should flower well into the spring.



Our volunteers have been working through the long winter months deadheading the planters and beds, planting spring bulbs and getting the newly cleared area of ground near the Halifax end of platform 2 ready for the installation of the new raised beds which have been made out of recycled timber from the old fence when platform 1 was widened. This was to make way for extra passengers who will be using the station when modernisation work begins further down the line and at Huddersfield station which is in progress.



The miniature Daffodil bulbs and yellow Pansies are blooming well in the newly created strip at the edge of the platform 2 ramp. And the Primulas were split from the platform 2 bed further along the station.

When the new raised beds have been installed, they will be filled with a mixture of topsoil and potting compost ready for planting drought tolerant plants as there is no water on that part of the station. The block paving has been weeded and cleaned to smarten the Brighthouse Lettering picked out in the concrete sets when the station was built in the year 2000.

Over on Platform 1 a couple of water Butts have been installed to collect rainwater from a nearby roof. During the very wet period near Christmas, they collected around 2000 litres of rain water which is being used around the station.



Sadly there has been an outbreak of graffiti round the perimeter of the station and bridges. We are hoping to get this removed in due course but there are three different areas of ownership to deal with to get it removed. We are all trying to smarten up the Gooder Lane area of Rastrick. It is a pity to see the lovely stonework and painted areas defaced, so please keep an eye out for any further damage.

Did you see our Display at the Brighouse Elderly Persons Fair at Central Methodist Church in March?



Several volunteers took it in turns to look after our display and were able to recruit a new volunteer who has joined FoBS and is now helping to look after the plants on the station. We were able to talk to the visitors about our group and received many kind comments about our work.

Finally.

First look at our new under bridge artwork which is being prepared to be displayed at the station.

Designed by students at Calderdale College and Sponsored by Community Rail Partnership will make a huge difference to our station.

Installation of the work will take place during the summer when site preparation has been completed.



This is the first time the completed 23 ft long display has been seen by the public, it is currently been stored in Halifax awaiting fitting.

Photograph taken by Calderdale College displaying different scenes from Brighouse.

Our friends and volunteers are looking forward to the spring displays which should flower until late may when newly grown summer flowering plants will be planted up.

We now have a facebook page (friends of Brighouse Station) and a very interesting website www.friendsofbrighousestation.org.uk

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