

Friends of Brighouse Station

Bringing new life to Brighouse Station

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Summer's Here

And that is not a weather forecast! Although summer has arrived, according to the calendar the weather remains unsettled. All the more reason to provide the station area with colourful images to make it a pleasant place to spend some time.

We have been so pleased to hear the many comments of appreciation from members of the public passing through the station and also from local businesses in the town. The station manager, Chris Ingham has told us that many of the Northern train crews report back to him how attractive the station looks as they call at the station.



For several months preparations have taken place to increase the number of barrels and planters on the platforms. There are now barrels at both ends of each bench making a total of 18 in all. More planters have been installed on the fences and they now total 27.



The preparation work took place at several venues and the barrels, planters and flowers were brought together at the station towards the end of May and early June. The weather has not been kind during June and some of the flowers in the planters did not perform too well but members of the team have been able to get things back on track – next to the tracks.



The areas behind the fence by the ramp to the platform from the car park has now been planted with butterfly and insect friendly plants and an 'insect hotel' is being constructed at the end of the area.

We are particularly pleased that two businesses on nearby Birds Royd Lane have sponsored garden areas. Avocet Dye & Chemical the beds to the right of the car park entrance and HW Architectural has the enclosed area mentioned above. These areas are the first impression that passengers get as they enter the station from Birds Royd Lane so we are especially grateful for their support. Avocet have also generously supplied the bulk water tanks that we now have on each platform.

The scout groups are now attending the monthly work days and the area behind the fence on platform 2 has been cleared and preparations are being made to build and install the Bug



Hotel which has been designed by the scouts who organised a design competition. Isobel Hackett designed the winning entry and we all look forward to seeing the completed construction. Flora which are attractive to bugs, butterflies and the like are to be planted around the hotel area and we hope that this will become a haven for nature and that passengers will get used to looking over the fence to see what's going as the seasons pass. The scouts were successful in obtaining a £250 grant from Grand Central to help with the costs of the hotel.

We have entered this year's ACoRP community Rail Awards and also Yorkshire in Bloom.

The Friends of Brighouse Station would like to thank all the businesses in Brighouse who have sponsored a tub or planter at the station.

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