

2016-2017 Station Planter Sponsorship Now available.....



Sponsorship is now available to businesses and individuals for the Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station 2016-2017 gardening year.

**Please help us to improve the gateway to our town
and achieve another top award in this year's
Yorkshire in Bloom competition.**

*See inside for more on our planter sponsorship initiative
and updates on our activities.*

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Our Station Planter Sponsorship programme began in 2012 and aims to encourage local businesses to get involved and support our group in improving the gateway to our town.

A number of local businesses were involved in the scheme last year including:- Dugdale Ltd., Goodall Transport Ltd., Rosehill Polymers Ltd., Smith Solicitor LLP, Shire Cruisers, Ye Olde Oak Foods Ltd., Kate Clarke Portrait Artist and Illustrator, Window Cleaning Services, Reece-Jones Consulting Ltd., Martin Moore & Co., Rooster's Brewery Ltd. and The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms.

This involvement undoubtedly helped us to achieve the **Gold Award** in the **2015 Yorkshire in Bloom Competition**.

We now need more local businesses to join our 2016-2017 programme and to sponsor a planter.



Sponsorship cost for 12 months:

Large half barrel	£150
Rectangular planter	£100
Semi-circular fence planter	£50

What's in it for you...

- A 'Sponsorship Plaque' attached to your planter, which promotes your business, includes your business's name, location and web address (or telephone number if no web address) and shows your support to station users.
- PR coverage in our next newsletter which is delivered to 200 businesses in Sowerby Bridge, as well as youth and community groups.
- A priority renewal reminder which gives you the option to retain your planter for the following year, before we approach the wider business community.
- No hassle. The group will maintain your planter for 12 months and we'll send you a picture of your planter, along with a framed certificate which you can display in your customer-facing area to show your customers that you're supporting a local good cause.
- **In addition this year, we are offering planter sponsorship to individuals who would like to commemorate the loss of a loved one. Memorial plaques will be attached to planters at the quieter eastern end of platform 2, the Leeds platform. These plaques will include the words 'In memory of', the name of the person and their dates, although other information can be incorporated on request. The above prices apply.**

How to sponsor a planter
Simply email John Hartley of the Friends' Group
at jhagardener@googlemail.com

COACH TRIP – SUNDAY 1st MAY – TO CRICH TRAMWAY VILLAGE, AND THE MIDLAND RAILWAY CENTRE, BUTTERLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

Coach will depart from Sowerby Bridge Railway Station at 8.30am.

Ticket prices:- Adult £15.00, Child £6.00. 10% discount for Members/Sponsors.

Bookings taken at the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms or from jim.milner@tiscali.co.uk

ARRIVA TRAINS NORTH – A NEW FRANCHISE FROM 1ST APRIL 2016.

The winning bidder for the new Northern franchise starting in April 2016 is **Arriva Trains North**. The franchise will run for nine years with a possible one-year extension. The franchise provides for a range of significant improvements to services, rolling stock, station staffing and station facilities across the Northern network.

The planned timescales are as follows:-

Dec.2016 – Call centre open 22 hours per day, Mobile barcode tickets introduced, Travel Safety Officers on the network.

Dec. 2017 – 77 more carriages introduced, 400 more Sunday services, More off-peak trains, New automatic ticket gates at 8 stations, new customer mobile app, Direct debit season ticket purchase, print at home ticketing, Peak and off-peak discounted multi-journey tickets.

Dec. 2018 – 92 new carriages introduced, a net increase of 19 carriages, Northern Connect introduced on 5 routes.

Dec. 2019 – All Pacers removed, 163 new carriages introduced, Wi-Fi available on all services, Train refurbishment programme complete, Northern Connect introduced on further 7 routes, Now over 2,000 additional services in total each week, All metropolitan stations staffed.

Dec. 2020 – 217 virtual ticket office machines installed, Capital investment in station improvements complete, including 250 extra car park spaces, Northern Connect stations fully staffed, with Wi-Fi and catering.

2021 - Ticket vending machines installation programme complete.

2022 - 36 more carriages introduced.

2025 - End of franchise.

Sowerby Bridge Station will become one of 7 designated Northern Connect stations, staffed 0600 to 2200 daily, with catering facilities and free Wi-Fi.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – SAT.& SUN. 11TH /12TH JUNE 2016

Along with many other stations, we are arranging to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday over the weekend of 11th/12th June by decorating the station with bunting and Union Jack flags. As part of the celebration 'Breakaway Brass' will be providing musical entertainment on Saturday 11th June, at the Station, at 2.00pm and again at 3.00pm. Come along and enjoy the occasion.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 20 Apr	Work Together Session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Sun 1 May	COACH TRIP TO CRICH/MRC. 8.30am Departure from JRR*
Tue 10 May	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 18 May	Work Together Session. 6.30pm onwards Meet at JRR*
Sat. 11 June	QUEEN'S 90 th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – 'Breakaway Brass'
Tue 14 June	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 22 June	Work Together session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Tue 12 July	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 20 July	Work Together Session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*

*Venue: JRR = Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station

Work Together Days vary and may involve weeding, tidying up the station, planting or watering the flower boxes etc. If you enjoy a bit of cultivating and have a few hours to spare, please join us. Just ask for Chris at the Jubilee Rooms on the station.

Open 'Committee' Meetings are held monthly and the group discusses general updates on its activities and progress. Why not come and see what we're all about. You'll receive a warm welcome. Just ask for Chris.

Acknowledgements ...

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ALSO .. To Martin Watson and Teresa Paskiewicz for their expertise and help with our Group's website.

Easter Hamper Raffle..The Easter raffle was drawn on Saturday, 19th March, and was won by Allan Peace. The winning ticket was No. 370.

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