

Friends of Romiley Station



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to our November 2020 Newsletter.

We have had a busy month working on the station gardens etc. achieving a great deal thanks to help from TfGM whose staff came along to a volunteer day.

As the dark nights draw in and autumn moves towards winter the gardens will begin to become more manageable as both plants and weeds stop growing.

Later this month sees the Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards Evening, so see below for full details.

Also, we are pleased to be able to report that Northern have now introduced a 90 minute interval service on the Rose Hill Line (more frequent at peak times).

### CESHIRE BEST KEPT STATIONS



As you may already know Cheshire is unique in that it is the only county in England that has a Best Kept Station Competition. Ever since 2003 Cheshire Best Kept stations has been doing a fantastic job to motivate and recognise the work of volunteer groups who put so much

time and effort into making their adopted stations and its environment a place to be proud of and one that benefits the community as a whole.

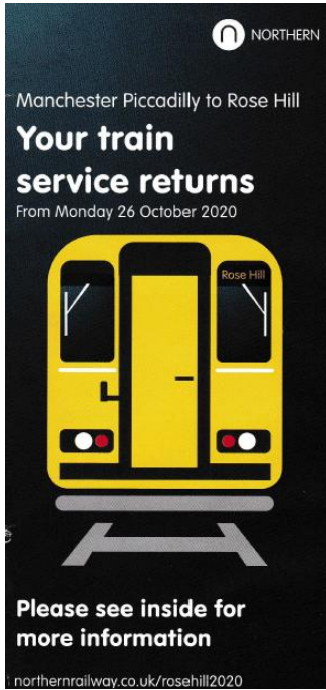
Like everyone else at this difficult time they have had to be inventive in their approach.

So they have moved their annual Awards Evening on-line and have also set up a You Tube Channel.

Full details can be found on their website ([bestkeptstations.org.uk](http://bestkeptstations.org.uk)). It provides links to their You Tube Channel, their "Intouch" newsletter and much more. So do visit it on a regular basis.

The on-line Awards Evening will be on Tuesday 27th November 2020 commencing at 7.00pm. So put the date in your diary and make sure that you tune in.

# ROSE HILL LINE (HYDE LOOP)



It is pleasing to report that Northern have from 26th October 2020 been able to bring back more trains onto the Rose Hill line, so as to provide a basic 90 minute interval service, augmented at peak times.

Trains do finish earlier than they used to pre-Covid but the shuttle bus is being retained each evening so as to provide a service linking Rose Hill, Marple and Romiley connecting with trains to and from Manchester Piccadilly.

The full timetable is set out below.

It can also be downloaded from Northern's website ([northernrailway.co.uk](http://northernrailway.co.uk)). Northern have also produced an excellent printed leaflet giving full details. Copies are available stations on the route.



From Monday 26 October 2020

## Manchester Piccadilly to Rose Hill Marple Train and evening shuttle bus timetable

The timetable shown below will run Mondays to Saturdays on the Manchester Piccadilly to Rose Hill line until Monday 14 December 2020, when additional services will be introduced.

To Manchester Piccadilly via Hyde stations and Guide Bridge																							
	SX	SO	SO	SX	SX	SX									SX	SO	SX	SO	SX				
Rose Hill Marple	0620	0621	0745	0745	0817	0852	0913	1045	1214	1345	1514	1545	1556	1715	1720	1845	1855	-	1955	-	2053	-	
Marple																		1901	1941	2001	2041	2059	2206
Romiley	0626	0627	0751	0751	0823	0858	0918	1050	1219	1350	1519	1550	1601	1720	1725	1850	1913	1945	2013	2045	2113	2210	
Woodley	0629	0631	0754	0754			0922	1053	1222	1353	1522	1554	1605	1723	1728	1853	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hyde Central	0632	0635	0758	0758			0925	1057	1226	1357	1526	1557	1608	1727	1732	1857	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hyde North	0635	0638	0801	0801			0928	1059		1359	1529	1600	1611			1859	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Guide Bridge	0640	0643	0805	0807			0932	1104	1232	1404	1533	1605	1616	1733	1738	1904	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fairfield	0643	0646	0808	0810			0935	1107	1235	1407				1736	1741	1907	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gorton	0648	0649	0811	0813			0938	1109	1238	1409	1537	1609	1620	1738	1743	1909	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ashburys	0649	0652	0814	0816	0840	0913	0941	1112	1241	1412	1541			1741	1746	1912	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ardwick																	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manchester Piccadilly	0658	0657	0820	0822	0845	0919	0946	1118	1246	1418	1546	1618	1627	1748	1753	1918	-	-	2007	-	2107	-	2231

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🚊 Metrolink interchange
SX Monday to Friday only
SO Saturday only

To Rose Hill Marple via Guide Bridge and Hyde stations																							
	SO	SX	SX	SX	SO	SX							SX	SX	SO					SX	SO		
Manchester Piccadilly	0707	0707	0743	0805	0835	0835	1010	1140	1310	1419	1510	1511	1637	1811	1811	1849	-	1949	-	2049	-	-	
Ardwick													1640				-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ashburys	0711	0713			0840	0844	1014	1144	1314	1423			1642				-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gorton	0714	0716		0812	0843	0847	1017	1147	1317		1516	1517		1817	1817		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fairfield	0716	0718			0845		1019	1149	1319				1646	1819	1819		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Guide Bridge	0719	0721	0752	0817	0848	0851	1022	1152	1322		1520	1521	1650	1822	1822		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hyde North	0723	0725	0756	0821	0852	0855	1026		1326		1524	1525	1654	1826	1827		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hyde Central	0726	0728	0759	0824	0855	0858	1029	1157	1329		1527	1528	1657	1829	1830		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Woodley	0729	0731	0803	0827	0858	0901	1032	1200	1332		1530	1531	1700	1832	1833		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Romiley	0735	0735	0806	0831	0901	0904	1036	1203	1335	1445	1534	1535	1703	1835	1836	1907	1913	2007	2013	2107	2113		
Marple																	1911		2010		2110		
Rose Hill Marple	0740	0740	0811	0836	0906	0909	1041	1208	1340	1450	1539	1540	1708	1840	1841	-	1925	-	2025	-	2125	-	

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## STATION IMPROVEMENTS

A lot of work has been ongoing at the station this past month or so, although at the moment it does seem to have been put on hold. Probably not too surprising given the weather.

We mentioned last month that decorators were busy painting the station buildings and they have made some excellent progress.



Workmen have also been very busy in the subway. They stripped away the brick lining on each side, cleaned out the sides and then shored up the roof, presumably to stop it flexing every time a train went over.



Unfortunately, there is now even greater water ingress than before but hopefully that will be sorted as part of the overall work being undertaken.



Temporary barriers have been put down each side of the subway to protect everyone using it.

The station was also visited by Network Rail surveyors as part of a survey aimed at extending the platforms some time during 2021. This, we are told, is to accommodate longer trains.

Also, during October Stockport MBC installed a traffic light controlled crossing and dropped kerbs right outside the main station entrance on Stockport Road. This temporary measure has already made crossing the main road much safer. A permanent crossing is to be installed, hopefully next year.



## TASK SESSIONS

Our next Task Session will take place from 2pm on Saturday 14th November, so please put the date in your diary and contact Angie Clark on 07951 567147 or by email on [clark.theateam69@btinternet.com](mailto:clark.theateam69@btinternet.com) to let her know if you are coming along.



We were blessed with some decent weather for the October session and managed to undertake a lot of tidying up in the Waiting Room garden.

We also filled just under two bags with rubbish that had been discarded on and around the station car park.

It is so disappointing that so many people think that it is acceptable to simply dump their used takeaway

wrappers, drink cans and the like rather than use the litter bins provided or better still take their rubbish home with them.

## CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

Our year of Co-op Local Community Fund support has now drawn to an end with the final sum raised for us being in excess of £1,100. We will be advised of the exact sum within the next week.



To date we have spent some £1,059.04 of the money. Spending has been on new gardening tools (£403.18), Station Walks Booklets (£567.90) and weed control membrane (£87.96).

We can not thank the Co-op and their members enough for their fantastic support this past 12 months.

The balance of the money will be spent maintaining and developing the land at the bottom end of the station car park approach.

Meanwhile, we would encourage all of our readers who are also Co-op members to choose a good cause for the coming year. They are all listed on the Co-op's website.

## VOLUNTEER DAY - SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

The sun shone all day and thanks to the sterling efforts of those attending we managed to clear a vast area of the overgrown land at the foot of the "Hill of Doom" by the station car park.

We have now received our order of heavy duty weed control membrane which will be laid during the next Task Session.

We would very much like to thank Mark, Sam and Simon from TfGM who worked ever so hard throughout the day.



Northern very kindly paid for a green skip which has been filled and the contents taken away for composting.



One added bonus was that under a lot of the weeds and ivy we discovered several rotting tree trunks which were full of insects.

So we have moved these and placed them all together behind the Waiting Room garden so as to create a log pile 'Bug Hotel'.

## SCENIC RAIL BRITAIN

We are very lucky where we live in that we have access to some wonderful scenery, including the Hope Valley which is very accessible by train.



However, there are many other lines in the area that give great access to some fantastic places. These include the Buxton Line, Mid Cheshire Line and lots more.

So when things return to a better normal and you feel up to travelling to some great place have a look at the Scenic Rail Britain website ([scenicrailbritain.com](http://scenicrailbritain.com)) as it contains details on so many lines throughout our area and beyond.