

Friends of Romiley Station



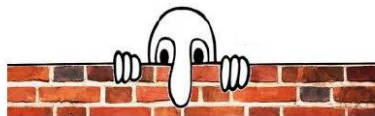
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to our September 2020 Newsletter.

We have had a busy month, what with being able to get back to working at the station and putting a great deal of effort into trying (along with so many others) to have the decision to withdraw train services from the Rose Hill line reversed.

We have also been planning our annual "Bake Me a Train" competition, but this time in a completely different way to normal.

ROSE HILL MARPLE STATION



Wot No Trains ?

**WE NEED
THE
ROSE HILL
LINE!**

Keep it running

You will recall from last month's Newsletter that Northern had announced that from mid September they would be withdrawing train services to and from Rose Hill Marple (via the Hyde Loop) for three months.

Since then there has been a considerable hue and cry throughout the area as well as a general condemnation of Northern's decision.

Local Station Friends' Groups, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), national and local politicians as well as other local groups and

residents have all been working hard to try and have the decision reversed, but to date without success.

However, everyone is continuing with the fight and hopefully something will give before the proposed withdrawal of services from 14th September. Indeed petitions have been delivered to Northern (with almost 6,000 signatories) and the Council's Area Committee have called a special meeting to discuss the situation. That takes place online on Wednesday 2nd September from 6pm.

Meanwhile, you may like to take a virtual trip on the line by following this You Tube link
- <https://youtu.be/XffUQ9jye6w>.



Wot No Trains

From 14th September 2020

**Northern Rail
propose to withdraw all train
services from Rose Hill to
Manchester Piccadilly**

Let Northern Rail know what
you think about the proposal

 [twitter @northernassist](https://twitter.com/northernassist)

 [facebook /northernassist](https://facebook.com/northernassist)

Northern's Regional Director
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BAKE ME A TRAIN COMPETITION - 2020



For the last two years we (with help from Northern) have sponsored a 'Bake me a train' competition as part of the Romiley Young Farmers Show. Unfortunately, this year the Show has been cancelled.

However, that has not put us off running a 'Bake me a train' competition, but it will be one with a bit of a difference.

The difference is that you are yet again invited to bake a train (or put one together using pre-baked cake, chocolate or indeed anything else that is edible) but instead of bringing it along to the Show you are asked to photograph your creation and submit up to 3 photographs to us by email (to clark.theateam69@btinternet.com) before having the pleasure of eating your own handiwork.

So it is a win - win situation for you. Fun baking - followed by fun eating.



The competition closes on Saturday 26th September after which all the entries will be judged and we will award suitable prizes to what we consider to be the best entries.



In submitting your entry please can you state the age of the entrant should they be under 16 so that if they win a prize we can provide something suitable.

Also it would be great if you could let us know something about your creation, such as what is in it or what it is made of.

We will give the results of the competition in our October Newsletter, which will come out during the first week of October (rather than at the end of September) due to editorial team holidays.

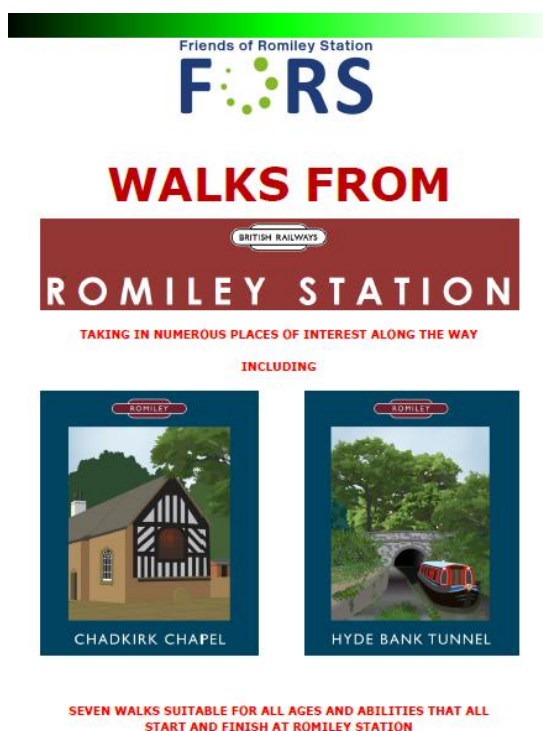
So start creating now and have lots of fun in the process. The competition is open to anyone that wishes to take part and is not just FoRS members. There are no age restrictions either. So have fun with your creation.

FRIENDS OF ROMILEY STATION - WALKS FROM ROMILEY STATION BOOKLET

The booklet has been proving very popular and it has been lovely to receive feedback not just from our members but also from members of the public who have picked up a copy.

We received the following from a Tracey Adams -
"We picked up the booklet from the train station. We did walk 3. Wow. I've lived in Bredbury/Romiley all my life and didn't know these beautiful places existed. I think the booklet is great, easy to follow and informative. Thanks Tracey".

Tracey also sent us a photograph which she said we could publish in our newsletter.



We were also approached by a film company working on behalf of Northern. They had been commissioned to produce a Community Rail video which was to feature the type of activities that Friends' Groups have been undertaking this year given the need to adapt because of the Covid-19 situation.

The film company came along on Monday 10th August and besides filming at the station they featured the Walks booklet as well as one of the walks (walk number one in the booklet).

The video should be available in the autumn, but we will keep you updated as to its release as well as where it can be viewed.

TASK SESSIONS

As you know we were able to return to the station in mid July to recommence work in caring for the station gardens and planters.

Everything was an overgrown mess as nature had taken its course.

Since then we have been able to undertake quite a lot of clearance and replanting work and things are beginning to take shape. Work continues and sessions will take place on Saturdays 12th September and 10th October from 2pm. Please let Angie know if you can come along (clark.theateam69@btinternet.com). In addition there is to be a rail industry Volunteer Day on Sunday 11th October which has been kindly set

up by Mark Angelucci of TfGM. Full details for that will be in next month's newsletter, but we intend to use the day to clear the "Hill of Doom" by the station car park. As you can see there is still something of a mountain to climb. The photographs below show how it looks now compared to how it looked last year). It is certainly amazing what nature can do in such a short space of time.



2019



2020

However, it is not all doom and gloom. We have managed to bring colour back into the numerous planters around the station and have cleared large areas of their weed infestation prior to replanting.



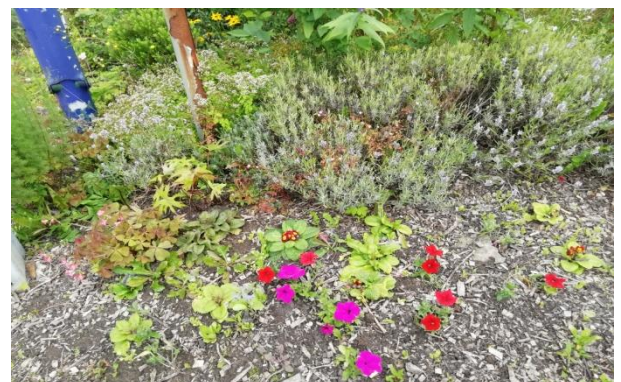
July 2020



August 2020



A weed clearance team take a break



Replanted area after weed clearance

THE TISSINGTON TRAIL

It's always nice to get out and about and visit somewhere different (and if possible fairly quiet).

Well we achieved both this past month with visits to the Tissington Trail that runs along the old railway formation south of Buxton as it heads towards Ashbourne.

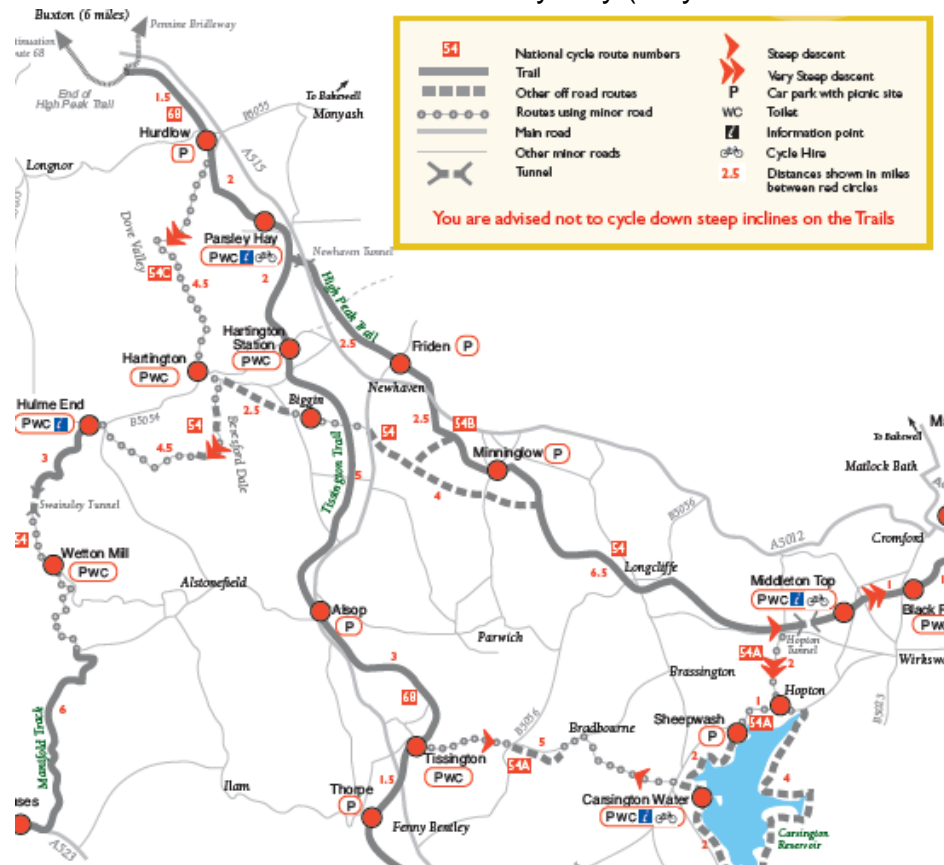


The trail is so easy to access (from the Buxton to Ashbourne road - A515).

There are numerous well signed car parks along the way (pay and display) and those at Parsley Hay, Hartington and Tissington also provide toilet facilities which are fully open.

Further details can be found by visiting <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/places-to-visit/trails/tissington-trail>

Refreshments are available at Parsley Hay (they sell some cracking ice cream).



All the walking is relatively easy on a good surface.

There are also excellent facilities for cyclists (including cycle hire at Parsley Hay).

With a bike you can explore well beyond the Tissington Trail perhaps taking in the High Peak Trail or a diversion to nearby villages.



The Visitor (and cycle hire) Centre at Parsley Hay



The village of Hartington

STEAM TRAIN - SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2020



On a rather wet and gloomy Saturday morning some degree of normality returned as a steam excursion train passed through Romiley.

The train, operated by Saphos Trains, had set off from Wolverhampton early that morning and was diesel hauled to Crewe (travelling via Shrewsbury) where 46100 Royal Scot took over.

Built in 1927, Royal Scot was the flagship locomotive of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, hauling express up the West Coast from London to Manchester and Glasgow.



From Crewe the train was routed via Newton Le Willows, Manchester Victoria and Guide Bridge before passing through Romiley on its way to Sheffield (via the Hope Valley) and then onto York.

It was lovely to see such a magnificent engine pass through the station.