

Newsletter of the
Mytholmroyd Station
Partnership

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The Start.....

- July, Metro announce new waiting shelters to be built.
- August, Northern Rail manager agreed to join our community group.
- September, Partnership working committee

Our Web

<http://station.mytholmroyd.org>

So far.....

- ✓ The vegetation on the embankments trimmed.
- ✓ First Community Notice -boards
- ✓ Daffodil bulbs planting for next Spring.

Very Soon.....

- ❑ Flower tubs with a variety of plants from Northern Rail.
- ❑ The Ironman notices made by the local schools to be refurbished.

It's YOURS and MYtholmroyd!

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Just WHO are WE?

We have got off to a cracking start, since we were first informed that Metro was to replace our old waiting shelters.

In August we had our first meeting with the Northern Rail management who are keen to have local communities involved with their stations.

The Northern Rail manager from our area, Matthew Gibson has given us tremendous support from the start, together with encouragement from his headquarters and David Stopher the Rail Development Manager at Metro.

The other members of our Partnership are Alan Brook of



Royd Regeneration and Mary Clear of Calderdale Safer Communities who have helped us make a start on our projects at the station - with many more to come.

You would be most welcome to come and join us - ideas for future projects, and implementation with our partners to make rail travel to and from Mytholmroyd a much more pleasant experience.

A word of thanks to Peter Farrar at the Working Mens' Club, John and Lyn Hartley at the Shoulder of Mutton and Father John Gott at the Church of the Good Shepherd who provided venues for our first meetings and this printing, without which it would have been difficult for us to start. Then last, but not least is you the residents and users of Mytholmroyd station - encouraging support all round.

We could not have progressed this far without the support of our partners.

It is a matter of what WE are doing for OUR community railway station.

*Geoff Mitchell
Chairman, Station Partnership*

Use Our Web
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WHAT
WE are NOT
an 'Action' or 'Pressure'
group.

There has been a significant improvement in the standard of our service in the last two years since Northern Rail took over our line.

Yet we have to accept all transport systems have their problems - just look at the delays on the M62 and at the airports

Unlike some other rail user groups we not going to spend our resources complaining and telling the professionals how to do their job.

We are a Partnership working with the professionals, and when necessary make a practical contribution to make Mytholmroyd station a pleasanter place for all.

There is a good Northern Rail Customer Service office in Leeds - not the other side of the world.

For comments/complaints/queries

Tel: 0845 000 0125

Text: 0845 604 5608

customer.relations@northernrail.org

We shall however endeavour to protect and enhance the train service at Mytholmroyd.

Now - it is over to YOU

We meet 4 or 5 times a year to plan our next projects.

Northern Rail management join us for one or two meeting when we can have a 'brainstorming' session and ascertain which of our (sometimes) 'whacky' ideas for Mytholmroyd station are acceptable to the railway authorities.

Nothing is ruled out - but obviously **safety considerations come first.**



You are more than welcome to our meetings - in the meantime if you have any ideas which you think will benefit our station please do not hesitate to contact the Station Partnership. Our Website and email address is available for your comments and ideas

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Noticeboard

This has been provided for us by Matt Gibson, Station Manager of Northern Rail.

It is not only for station or rail news - but for anything you want to let the village know about.

Please send details as soon as possible.

Email fomroydstation@btinternet.com

WHAT WE are NOT

a vigilante group.

MYTHOLMROYD HAS ITS SHARE OF PROBLEMS - DO NOT GET INVOLVED PERSONALLY.

***CONTACT THE BT POLICE ON
0800 40 50 40 (OR
999 IN AN EMERGENCY)
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.***

DO NOT THINK YOU WILL BE BOTHERING ANYONE. YOU MAY WELL SAVE A YOUNG LIFE.

MANY OF US HAVE SEEN YOUNGSTERS DOWN ON THE TRACK. NOT ONLY DO THEY RISK WASTING THEIR LIVES. THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THE DISTRESS THEY CAUSE THE TRAIN DRIVERS WHO CANNOT STOP OR SWERVE, AND WHO MAY WELL HAVE YOUNGSTERS OF THEIR OWN AT HOME.

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HISTORY OF MYTHOLMROYD STATION – Part 1 - by Michael R Allen

- 1836 – Act of Parliament for the Manchester to Leeds Railway was passed
1840 – trains ran from Hebden Bridge to Leeds via Normanton.
1841 – Summit Tunnel completed (cost of 9 lives) the line was opened throughout from Summit Tunnel to Hebden Bridge (1st March).

Mytholmroyd - first station

The contract for building the Mytholmroyd section was given in 1838 to Tredwell & Gerrard.



The date of the first station, at Mytholmroyd, 1847 possible timber construction, unfortunately at the present time, the exact location of this station building is not known.

Manchester and Leeds Railway, announces tenders, for the erection of a passenger and goods station at Mytholmroyd. [Manchester Guardian 23rd May 1846.

Acknowledgements: Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Society; John Uttley Collection, Tom Wray.



Do you have any memoirs of the station, railway, marshalling yard or goods traffic at Mytholmroyd? We would love to hear from you for future editions of RoydXpress.

A few sentences or a photo we could borrow would be really appreciated

All Aboard!

Next year there is the possibility of a Todmorden Tapas Special organised by our friends of the Todmorden Station Partnership. This could be coupled with the Poets' Pullman from Mytholmroyd.

So, whilst we have just started, the ideas are flowing - do you have any?

Why not come along? - it can be fun!

Geoff Mitchell, Chairman & Editor

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