

# YIB RESULTS 2014



The results of this year's Yorkshire in Bloom competition were revealed at the Annual Awards Ceremony, held at York Racecourse on 16<sup>th</sup> September and we are pleased to announce another successful outcome..... Our entry this year was placed in a new category 'Category 9 – Open Spaces' and we achieved the very top award possible - a **Platinum Rose Award**.

This fantastic result is again down to the efforts of our hard working members and volunteers, and the continued support of our local business sponsors. A big THANK YOU to all involved.

Our entry was assessed in July by YIB representative Beatrice Myers, who also took on the difficult task of judging the entries from pupils from the Bolton Brow Academy in a painting competition which was on display in the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms. Gift vouchers were awarded to the lucky pupils.

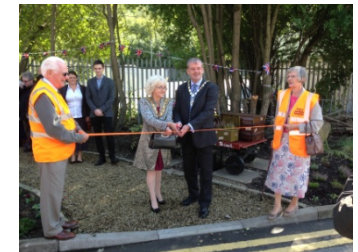
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## Bronte Garden – Official Opening, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014



The Official Opening of the Bronte Garden marks the completion of our first major project since the Group formed in November 2010. In addition to the countless hours given by our regular gardening members and volunteers, we really want to thank the many other contributors who helped to bring this initiative to fruition.

Held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, the event was well attended with the Mayor of Calderdale (Councillor Pat Allen) cutting the ceremonial ribbon, with the Consort, Mr Robert Weeks. Mr Harold Wainwright - Station Master of the station in 1964, and his daughter, made the trip from Derby to attend the ceremony. The Mayor chatted with Mr Wainwright, who recounted life at the station in the 60s. The Friendly Band also provided music during the event to the delight of onlookers.



Local brewery Owenshaw Mill brewed a special 'Branwell Blonde' bitter for the occasion and Goose Eye Brewery's 'Bronte Bitter' was also on pump at the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms. A special commemorative cake was commissioned. A great day was had by all.



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## Bronte Garden thanks...

In addition to the effort and support given by our regular gardening members and volunteers, we wish to thank the many other individuals and organisations without whom the project would not have been possible:

**The Community Development Foundation** and **ACoRP**, who have provided the grant funding required for the initiative; **First TransPennine Express** for the donation of the luggage trolley; **Jim Robinson** for single-handedly renovating, painting and securing the trolley and luggage chests; **Andy Klievens** for signwriting; **John Holt** for tree surgery; **Lee Smith** for lacquering the luggage chests; **Northern Rail** for their continued support, and on the opening day itself, the **Mayor Pat Allen**, for performing the opening ceremony, the **Friendly Band** for the musical entertainment and the **Jubilee Refreshment Rooms** for the refreshments venue.

## Other News

**Lucy Zodion** – we'd like to express our special thanks to Lucy Zodion for providing the Group with a water butt fed with recycled rainwater from the roof of their building close to the 'Welcome Stone'. This will greatly aid the watering requirements for the area and specifically the Bronte Garden.



**Coach Trip to Llangollen, North Wales, 31<sup>st</sup> August** – 49 (13 members and 36 non-members) enjoyed the sunshine, the outstanding Dee Valley scenery, and rides on the steam trains at the Llangollen Railway on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Another great trip out and further trips are planned for spring and autumn in 2015. Watch out for details and book early!



**Northern Rail Station Manager** – following a staffing restructure, we have to say goodbye to Station Manager Matthew Gibson. We thank him for all the help and support he's given the Group since 2010 and wish him well for the future. At the same time we welcome new Station Manager (appointment to be confirmed) and look forward to working with him/her to bring more improvements to Sowerby Bridge Railway Station.

## Newsletter by email....

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 14 Oct	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 18 Oct	Work Together session. 9am- 12noon. Meet at JRR*
Tue 11 Nov	<b>Annual General Meeting.</b> 7.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 15 Nov	Work Together session. 9am-12noon. Meet at JRR*
Tue 9 Dec	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 20 Dec	Work Together session. 9am-12noon. 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 ...

**THANKS** to the Community Development Foundation for their recent award of additional Community First Grant funding which will enable further enhancement of the station in 2014/15. Thanks also to Shirley Veal of Southowram for her kind donation of quality railway books from the collection of her late husband, Rodney. Also to Harold Wainwright (Station Master 1964) for donation of books, videos and badges for the Friends library; and to regulars Mick Jowett and David Harriott for books, CDs, photographs. These donations and those from many others are greatly appreciated.

**In addition**, thanks to this year's four new sponsors:

- Martin Moore & Company (Elland)
- Roosters Brewery Ltd (Knaresborough)
- Mallinsons Brewing Company (Huddersfield)
- The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms,

And to renewing sponsors: Rosehill Polymers Ltd., Abram Pulman & Sons Ltd., Smith Solicitors LLP (Halifax), Shire Cruisers, Ye Olde Oak Foods, Window Cleaning Services (Halifax); Reece-Jones Consulting Ltd; Kate Clarke, Trinkette; and Calder Valley Aquatics.

**Finally**, a special thanks to the anonymous benefactor for his cash donation to cover the Group's entry fee for the Yorkshire in Bloom competition 2015.

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