

2015-2016 Station Planter Sponsorship Now available.....



Sponsorship is now available to businesses and individuals for the Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station 2015-2016 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: Abram Pulman & Sons Ltd; Rosehill Polymers Ltd; Smith Solicitor LLP; Shire Cruisers; Calder Valley Aquatics; Ye Olde Oak Foods Ltd; Trinkette; Kate Clarke Portrait Artist and Illustrator; Window Cleaning Services; Reece-Jones Consulting Ltd; Martin Moore & Co; Mallinson's Brewing Company Ltd; Rooster's Brewery Ltd and The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms.

This involvement undoubtedly helped us to achieve the **Platinum Rose Award** in the **2014 Yorkshire in Bloom competition**.

We now need more local businesses to join our 2015-2016 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.

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

Bronte Garden update...

Funding has been provided by **Calderdale** MBC to enable us to encourage and support birds, bats and other wildlife in the Bronte Garden and its surrounding area. Nesting and feeding boxes, a bird bath and bird table will be installed in the next few weeks.

Any donations of wild bird food would be gratefully received – these can be left at The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at the Station.



VINTAGE BUS TRIP – SUNDAY 5th JULY – TO RAWTENSTALL (E.LANCS RLY)

Board the former Halifax Corporation's 1956 Daimler double-decker for a trip over the tops via Todmorden and Bacup to Rawtenstall Station for the East Lancs Rly's Summer Diesel Spectacular. Tickets £12.00 adult, £4.00 child. Bus will depart from Sowerby Bridge Railway Station at 9.30am.

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

Items available at The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms (at the Station)

All proceeds to the Friends' Group funds.

Bus and tram models

A selection of bus and tram models have been donated to the Group and is offered for sale to collectors. The models can be viewed by request.

Framed photograph of the 'Black Prince' locomotive

Offers are invited (by sealed bids) for a limited edition framed photograph of the preserved 9F 2-10-0 92203 'Black Prince' taken in September 2014 on the North Norfolk Railway. Frame measures 21"x16". The item is currently on display at The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms. Closing date for bids: 30 April 2015.

"Sowerby Shed" book addendum

If you purchased a copy of the recently published "Sowerby Shed" book, an 8-page addendum has been produced. Free of charge, although a suggested nominal donation of £1 would be appreciated.

Plus a selection of fiction/non fiction books including railway books, are also on sale. Come and view all these listed items at The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 14 Apr	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 22 Apr	Work Together session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Sun 3 May	COACH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO. 8.30am Departure from JRR*
Tue 12 May	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 20 May	Work Together session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Tue 9 June	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Wed 17 June	Work Together session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Sun 5 July	VINTAGE BUS TO E.LANCS RLY. 9.30am Departure from JRR*
Tue 14 July	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. 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 Calderdale Council and the local Ward Councillors for the award of grant funding to encourage birds and wildlife in and around the Bronte Garden.

ALSO .. To Barry Appleyard of Knaresborough for his generous donation of bus and tram models, and railway books, AND to Allan Peace (A-D-P Photography) for the donation of his limited edition framed photograph of "Black Prince" on the North Norfolk Railway.

Northern Rail's Station Manager..Chris Ingham is the new station manager.

Comments or questions can be forwarded to him at stationmanagers@northernrail.org

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