

2013 Station Planter Sponsorship

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Are you a local business who would like to support a local voluntary group dedicated to improving the gateway to our town?

Please see inside to find out how you can show your support.

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Background

2012 saw the launch of our Station Planter Sponsorship programme, aimed at encouraging local businesses to get involved and support the group in improving the gateway to our town.

A number of local businesses showed their support last year, including Abram Pulman & Sons; Rosehill Polymers Ltd, Smith Solicitor LLP, Shire Cruisers, Calder Valley Aquatics, Ye Olde Oak Foods and Trinkette, and this undoubtedly helped us to achieve the **Gold Rose Award** in the **2012 Yorkshire in Bloom** competition.

We now need more local businesses to join our 2013 programme and 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 (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 (June 2013) which goes to 200 businesses in Sowerby Bridge, as well as local youth and community groups;
- ❖ A priority renewal reminder, giving 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 the full 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 to sponsor a planter or to find out more..

Other News

'The Bronte Connection'

For the second year running, we've secured funding from the **Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund Programme** administered by CDF for the Office for Civil Society, which is going to be used to create a 'Bronte Garden' near the entrance to the station's car park.



Using natural and locally sourced materials (in keeping with an authentic 'Yorkshire' garden), it will include pathways, three raised beds, a small turfed area, a hedgerow and a benched area, with disabled access. We hope this will provide an appealing feature at the station which will attract new visitors to the town as well as being enjoyed by the local community.

The Group are working with the Bronte Society to identify a selection of flowers and shrubs featured in the various Bronte novels, poems, sketches and paintings, to give the garden a genuine 'Bronte' reflection. In addition, the Group has commissioned an English Heritage style blue plaque to commemorate Branwell Bronte's links to the station (made possible from Calderdale MBC's Small Grants Scheme).

Coach Trip to Pickering, Grosmont (NYMRy) and Whitby – Tues 7 May 2013

Following the success of last year's trip to Windermere, we are running the above trip which is open to anyone interested.



- There will be the option of taking Northern Rail's service from Grosmont, which will allow almost 4 hours in Whitby.
- The coach departs from Sowerby Bridge Railway Station at 8.45am, arriving back at around 6.30-7.00pm.
- The cost is £13.50 for members or sponsors / £15 for non-members.
- The train ride from Grosmont-Whitby (return) is an additional £4.20.



Find out more by visiting the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at the Station or by emailing jim.milner@tiscali.co.uk

Station improvement update

The **car park extension** has now been completed, providing much needed additional parking, with improved lighting and CCTV protection. Northern Rail are also installing **Convex Security mirrors** in the station subway.

Christmas Special Train (Barnsley-Manchester)

On 16 December 2012, the Penistone Line Partnership and Northern Rail operated a Charity Charter Train to the Manchester Christmas Markets, raising funds for "The Oliver Field Appeal". The train called at Sowerby Bridge on the way to pick up a barrel of "Gold Rose" – a beer kindly donated to the event by local brewer Owenshaw Mill.



The photograph shows the barrel being handed over by 'Friends' member, Andrew Wright, with brewer John Drake looking on.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 12 Mar	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm at the Jubilee.
Sun 17 Mar	The Railway Touring Company's "Tin Bath" Special should pass through the station at around 4.15pm, heading West, hauled by "Black 5" steam locomotives 44871 and 45407.
Sat 16 Mar	Work Together session. 9am-12noon. Meet at the Jubilee
Tue 9 Apr	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm at the Jubilee.
Wed 17 Apr	Work Together session. 6.30pm. Meet at the Jubilee.
Tue 14 May	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm at the Jubilee.
Wed 22 May	Work Together session. 6.30pm. Meet at the Jubilee.
Tue 11 Jun	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm at the Jubilee.

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 once per month and the agenda includes general updates on the Group's activities and progress. Why not come and see what we're all about. You'll receive a warm welcome. Just ask for Chris.

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