

EAST LANCASHIRE'S HISTORICAL COMMUNITY STATIONS

LANGHO



Langho turn of the century - photo courtesy Brian Haworth collection

LANGHO RAILWAY STATION

Langho station opened in 1850 and was one of the first stations on the line to close to passengers on 7th May 1956. The station itself epitomised a country station, situated on the edge of the village and surrounded by fields affording fine views across the valley to Longridge Fell and down the valley towards Pendle Hill. During the construction of the line the local landowner Henry Petre, of the Dunkenhalgh estates, caused some delay to the construction by resolutely standing out for a high price for his land.



Langho August 2001 - photo courtesy Brian Haworth

The station once boasted a small goods yard with a two ton crane. Unusually Langho had a long cattle wagon siding situated away from the main goods yard called Thompsons siding which had capacity for forty cattle wagons.

A small Saxby and Farmer signal box with a 16 lever frame was located at the Clitheroe end of the northbound platform adjacent to the goods yard points.

Situated in the middle of the 1 in 82 Langho bank the station was a good place to view steam engines working hard, usually with a banking engine at the rear of the train and the station today is still a popular location to watch steam hauled specials slog up the bank.



Langho July 2006 - photo courtesy Brian Haworth

The old station buildings were demolished in the early 1960's but fortunately a new station was constructed and the station reopened on 25th May 1994 using part of the old station site. The station is now served by an hourly service to and from Manchester seven days a week.

