



## ROTARY CLUB OF CHURCH AND OSWALDTWISTLE

### PRESS RELEASE

## 12 MONTHS CLEANING WORK ON LOCAL RAILWAY STATION COMES TO AN END

Volunteers from the Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle having been working every Saturday morning at Church and Oswaldtwistle Railway Station for the last 12 months bringing the Station to a much improved appearance.

Work started last October removing all the unsightly weeds from both platforms then following this up with anti-weed chemical to ensure the elimination of further weeds appearing.

The next stage was to power wash both passenger shelters which over time had attracted a badly stained roof on both shelters mainly due to the overhanging branches. Power washing of all the approach steps to the platforms was then carried out which very much transformed the appearance-almost as good as new.

Double headed begonias were then put into the 4 Planters which gave throughout the summer a most colourful display which certainly made a fine impression for all passengers either boarding or alighting the trains. Next summer a further four more planters will be installed which will again will have begonias planted.

A Community notice board has been erected which allows the Rotary club to affix notices that hopefully will be read by passengers so that they may become aware of what forth coming activities the Rotary club are planning.

The final stage was to sand down all the approach handrails leading to and from the platforms, then apply one or two coats of paint. Also the two passenger shelters were washed down and then painted.

The remaining job that will be carried out next year will be the preparation then painting of the Subway which is a major job, when hopefully volunteers from Northern Rail will join Rotarians to transform this unsightly area.



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Aslam Mohammed Chairman for Community for the Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle who has spearheaded this project from inception said "I wish to thank all the Rotarians who have given up their time to help improve the appearance of the local Railway Station. Also Brian Haworth, Community Rail Development Officer with Community Rail Lancashire, for all the help he has given during the past 12 months. Also Mick Ingham, Manager of Haworth Timber and Building Supplies for allowing access to a water supply (None available on the Station) and to local resident Jim Street again for providing a water supply."

The photo taken by Franco, shows left to right: President Ian McTurk, Mick Ingham, Jim Street and Aslam Mohammed, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rotary club.