

PRESS RELEASE

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This morning we held a celebration event to mark the one year anniversary of the first commuter train on the Todmorden Curve for 40 years. At Burnley Manchester Road Station, from 7 – 8 am we gave away free coffee, pastries and our fabulous Burnley Magazine to celebrate.

Professional singer Wayne Farrow was on hand to send the commuters off on a high note, entertaining them with such classics as Fly Me To The Moon. Wayne said "It was lovely coming down to entertain everyone this morning, and an unusual venue for me. The sun was shining and people left us with a smile on their face!

Philip Hartley, commuter said "I'm travelling to Manchester Victoria Station today. My wife and I work in Manchester city centre and the opening of the train line meant that we could move to the foothills of Pendle Hill, from our previous home in South Manchester, as we knew commuting would be an option. We get the train once or twice a week, just to give ourselves a break.

The opening of the rail line between Burnley and Manchester was a significant milestone in Burnley's success story since it follows a multi-million pound investment, and has brought significant economic opportunities to East Lancashire.

If you need any further information just let me know.

Many thanks!

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