

All Change at CHERRY TREE



Local children busy planting daffodils



Students from Blackburn College helped clear 10 tons of rubbish

Why Cherry Tree station?

Cherry Tree is on the Preston to Colne line, served by an hourly diesel service.

The station facilities were very basic, with approaches to the platforms infested with weeds, litter, including shelters and running in boards showing evidence of repeated vandalism. The station was viewed as a no-go area, especially in the evenings. A safe and smart local public transport gateway for the community was required.

Our inspiration; The Song Mine

The link was made to establish the station as a gateway to the local Witton Country Park.

Local artist Alastair Nicholson and Brian Haworth, CRP Education Development Officer worked with the imaginative pupils of local school and scout groups who produced colourful art alongside a rail-linked story. The tale tells of a 'song mine' which ran from the station to Witton Country Park, carrying songs from all around the world.

What were the outcomes?

The project involved 12 community groups who all had their own involvement in this collaborative project.

A wide variety of outcomes were achieved, including;

- Installation of CCTV
- Removal of litter and clearance of overgrown vegetation
- Daffodil planting
- A 'spot the difference' poster
- A ceramic sculpture
- An overland walking route
- Music from the 'song mine' which is accessed through QR codes in the area
- 11 panels of spectacular and varied art
- Bird boxes
- Insect shelters
- Repaired and repainted fencing
- New shelters, seating and noticeboards

The benefits to our partners

The project had positive outcomes for every group involved, including;

- Facilitating local pride and a feeling of ownership in the station
- Work with adults who have learning differences to enable project pride
- Local school and group art project and associated art skills
- Displays of local art and musical talent



Before planting and clean-up



The new running-in boards



After planting and clean-up



Legacy
 The project's value to CRL and to the railway cannot be overstated.

- The project resulted in;
- Collaboration between 12 local community groups
 - A continuation of work with these groups beyond the project
 - Reduced vandalism
 - Reduced anti-social behaviour
 - A pleasant, safer station environment
 - Increased ridership



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WELCOME TO CHERRY TREE STATION

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Produced by Year 5, St. Francis C.E. School

Over the years Cherry Tree Station and village have undergone a number of refurbishments, developments and modernization.

THE MACHINES - Cherry Tree was opened in 1864 and used for 23 miles between Blackburn, Chorley and High Wycombe. The railway was built by the Manchester and Preston Railway Co. The railway was built by the Manchester and Preston Railway Co. The railway was built by the Manchester and Preston Railway Co.

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The Cherry Tree Song mine

Wilton Park

The map shows the route of the disused mine, extending underground following the Cherry Tree Song Line from here to Wilton Park. This route can be walked following the way markers.

The mine was worked out by 1923 but some songs still remain in the tunnels. These can be heard by accessing the QR code.

From this station songs were exported to all over the world.

This route can be walked following these way markers.

This project was opened on THE FIRST OF APRIL, 2014



An eye-catching running-in board!

All Change at **CHERRY TREE**

- With special thanks to;**
- Alastair Nicholson
 - Emma Fielding, BWD Park Warden
 - Northern Rail
 - Children and Staff, St Francis Primary School
 - Youth groups; Mill Hill and Greenfield Community Centres
 - Local Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents
 - Blackburn College
 - Community Payback
 - Young Musicians; Strawberry Bank and Kaleidoscope Centres
 - Amanda Healy and Witton Park Ceramics group
 - Jane Coultherd and the Stanley Grange Horticultural team



A ceramic sculpture produced by Stanley Grange



Students produce bird boxes

