

EAST LANCASHIRE'S HISTORICAL COMMUNITY STATIONS

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Bolton Trinity Street Station, frontage to road -
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General view of platforms, buildings, canopies and overhead signal box
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Bolton Trinity Station opened in 1838 when the Manchester and Bolton Railway opened its route to Salford Central. The route was extended through to Manchester Victoria in 1843. The Bolton and Preston Railway Company opened the stretch from Bolton to Preston in 1841. Four years later the route out of Bolton north up towards the Ribble Valley opened. The Liverpool and Bury Railway arrived in Bolton in 1848 linking the town eastward to Bury and Rochdale and west to Wigan and Liverpool. All these lines became part of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway in 1858.

The line to Rochdale closed in October 1970 and through trains to Liverpool ended when Liverpool Exchange station closed in 1977.

The 1838 built station which had been added to in 1848 was struggling to cope and was enlarged in 1871. Bolton had a very buoyant goods traffic serving the many industries in the area. As well as the usual small cranes to be found in most local goods yards the Bolton yard also contained a forty ton capacity crane. The goods yard was extended to cope with traffic increase in 1885.

Close to the station stood Bolton engine shed which was one of the last surviving steam sheds to close.

During 2005/6 the station and its environs underwent a major refurbishment with a bus interchange established at the front of the station.

In 2011 a further upgrade was completed which means today that passengers enjoy modern facilities and a much improved station environment.

The £4 million project included a rebuild of the ticket office and a number of significant improvements at platform level, including the extension of the canopies to the bottom of the stairs. The station is now a modern gateway to Bolton town centre and provides modern facilities for people travelling to and from Bolton by train.

