

EAST LANCASHIRE'S HISTORICAL COMMUNITY STATIONS

HAPTON



Hapton Railway Station - photo courtesy LYRS

HAPTON RAILWAY STATION

Hapton station sits three miles from Accrington and was very much a village station. When this line was proposed the contracts were split into three sections and Hapton was the joining point for two of the sections. Blackburn to Hapton was contracted to Brogden, Smith and Pearce who tendered £110,000 on 28th February 1846 and Hapton to Colne contracted to William Hattersley who tendered £128,000 on 8th December 1845. The resident engineers were J.S. Perring and J.A. Donaldson. The line through Hapton opened on 18th September 1848 and Hapton station opened in the 1860s.

By 1904 the station was listed as having facilities to deal with passengers, goods and livestock. The station's small goods yard contained a five ton capacity crane. There was one private siding for a local company listed as Rileys siding.

No trace of the original railway buildings survive here they were demolished in the late 1970s but the station still functions serving the village with an hourly service in each direction between Colne and Blackpool South.

The station is close to the new Padiham Greenway and more details about this can be found on a separate poster and an attractive leaflet called 'Cycling into Railway History – Padiham Loop: Padiham – Rose Grove' can be obtained from local information centres.

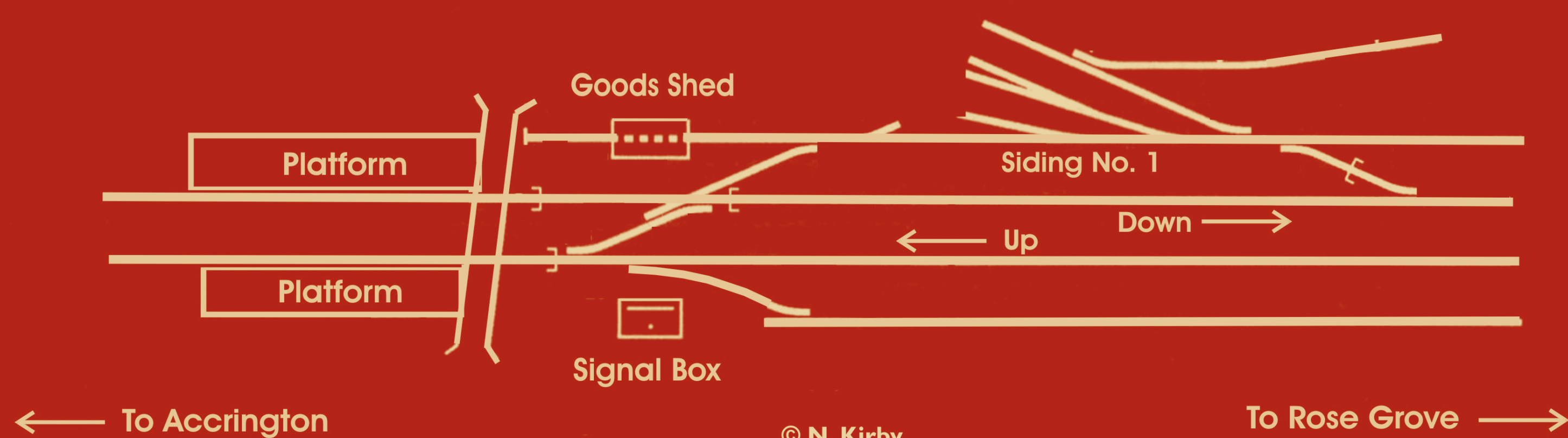


Hapton Railway Station - General view of goods yard - photo courtesy LYRS



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