

Penistone Arts Week Events

Penistone Line Partnership celebrated Penistone Arts Week (PAW) 19–29 March with creative community events highlighting local heritage. PLP collaborated with 7 members of Penistone Archive & Heritage Group on a detailed research project into the area's history. This informed a 4-panel heritage timeline now installed at Penistone Station with support from Creative Smith, Northern, and ISS.

Further events included Folk Revival Music Trains featuring live performances by Penistone Folk Ensemble led by Ian McShane, between Barnsley and Huddersfield.

The area's first Metro Poetry Train Experience had 20 participants embracing the challenge of creating poetry within strict constraints while travelling on a return journey between Penistone and Huddersfield, followed by a buffet, readings, and a discussion on how PLP will use the poems created by the group.

Thanks to all participants who PLP will keep in touch with, and to Dr Garance Maréchal (University of Liverpool) and Emeritus Professor Stephen Linstead (University of York) for their guidance and time.

We hope to create something special in the near future and repeat the experience during Penistone Art Week's 10th Anniversary in 2027.



Penistone Folk Ensemble



Metro Poetry Experience



Penistone Archive & Heritage Group Project

Barnsley Station Adopters Chilypep - Talkin'Tarn!

'Talking Tarn' is a public mural located on the bridge between Barnsley train station and the interchange, unveiled in early 2026 to support youth mental health. It features 10 vignettes with QR codes signposting young people to local support services, including BTP 61016 reporting and Passenger Assistance. Led by Chilypep, Barnsley Civic, and designer Robyn Makings. Funders and supporters involved - Northern, Community Rail Network, South Yorkshire Children & Young People's Alliance, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, Barnsley Council's Great Childhood's Ambition Fund, and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and Penistone Line Partnership.

Brockholes Green Spaces & Station Adopters

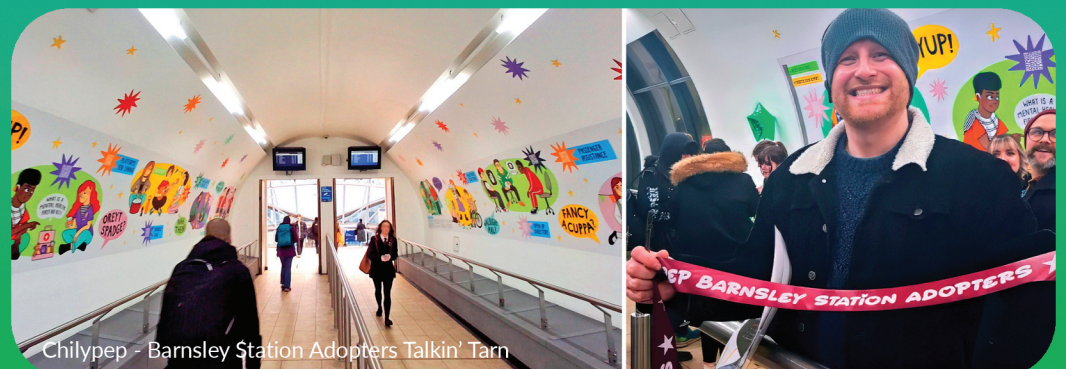
Brockholes Green Spaces and Station Adopters have been working on new information panels for the mindfulness area at Brockholes Station, highlighting local birds, identification tips, and how herbs support wildlife.

Alongside new planting, a recycled bench has been installed for passengers to relax and enjoy the station's surroundings and wildlife. Manufactured by Marmax Products, the bench requires no maintenance. Each standard bench diverts around 2,000 recycled plastic bottles from landfills and the ocean. The material is fully recyclable at the end of life, supporting a circular economy.

Using recycled plastic reduces demand for virgin materials, helps prevent deforestation, and lowers carbon emissions compared to wood or metal. It is also chemical-free, making it safe for soil, water, and wildlife.



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Chilypep - Barnsley Station Adopters Talkin' Tarn



Stainborough Rotary/Dodworth Station Adopters, Northern, & CRN at SYMCA Community Hub Sheffield

Shepley Station Community Volunteer Day

Shepley Station Adopters kindly gave their time to paint the station's railings and carry out litter picking. They were supported by Karen from Mitie, who travelled from York, and was sanding down railings by 9.00 am! Volunteers from Penistone Line Partnership gave their time along with Nick's team from ISS, Northern's main contractor, cleared vegetation along the bridge. Although outside Northern's lease area, this work was completed voluntarily at no cost, kindly arranged by Danielle Clarkson at Northern Trains Ltd, who organised the day, materials used, and also helped with painting.



Community Volunteer Day Shepley

Other News

- SYMCA hosted a community hub for station adopters in South Yorkshire, with presentations from the Community Rail Network, TransPennine Express and Yorkshire in Bloom. PLP and Northern attended.
- PLP delivered a Try the Train session to York, via Dewsbury, Leeds - York service, with participants from Headway.
- Honley Station has been adopted by 'Friends of Honley Station.'
- PLP's guided walks volunteers continue to host a free bi-monthly walks programme, encouraging rail travel and wellbeing, details on station noticeboards and PLP's web calendar for summer 2026.
- Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers completed the annual cut back within the Nature Reserve behind Penistone Station with PLP volunteers.
- A bat box PLP won at Greenotes CIC event in Wortley was installed in the linear corridor on the Trans Pennine Trail near Penistone Station, thanks to TPT volunteer Trevor Mayne.
- PLP helped judge the Young Voice of the Year competition, hosted by Greenotes CIC. Each song and video had a sustainability message.