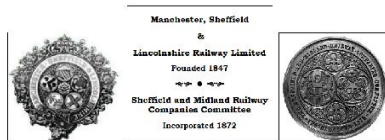


# BRITISH RAILWAYS

## ROMILEY STATION

In 1858 the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway obtained parliamentary powers to construct a railway through Romiley initially linking Hyde with Compstall (for Marple).



The railway opened on 5th August 1862. There was initially only one line with a single platform at Romiley, the current Manchester bound platform, and most of the buildings on this side of today's station still date from that time.

At Hyde the new railway connected with the line into Manchester London Road and there were some 7 trains a day in each direction. Fast trains took 35 minutes to reach Manchester with the slow stopping trains taking some 10 to 15 minutes longer.



By the time that Romiley station had opened a bill had already been placed before parliament seeking consent to extend the railway south into Marple and beyond.



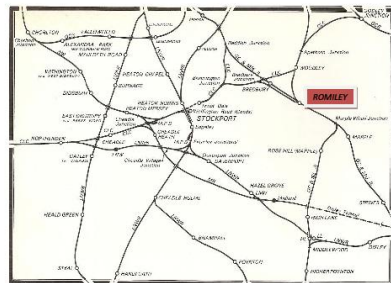
This new line required the construction of the Marple Viaduct over the River Goyt (at that time known as the River Mersey).



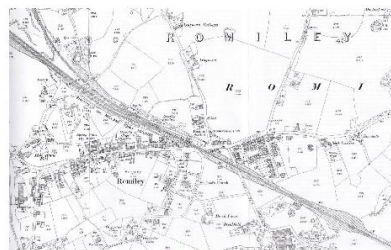
This ran parallel to the Grade 1 Listed Marple Aqueduct, which had been constructed in the late 1790's to carry the Peak Forest Canal some 78 feet (23.8m) above the river.

All work was undertaken by the Marple, New Mills and Hayfield Junction Railway and following completion opening took place on 1st July 1865.

A second route, the Macclesfield, Bollington and Marple Railway to Macclesfield from Marple Wharf Junction, was opened on 2nd August 1869. This provided links from Romiley to Macclesfield and beyond.



Also in 1869 the Sheffield and Midland Joint Committee took over Romiley station and yet more railways were built thus providing passenger links to Stockport, Manchester Central and Liverpool (1st April 1875) plus Manchester London Road via Bredbury, Reddish and Ashburys (2nd August 1875).



Romiley circa 1896

Since its opening Romiley Station has always been at the centre of the village and local community.



A Northern Railway Class 195 diesel multiple unit now widely used to provide train services from Romiley

Romiley village has very much grown since the station first opened in 1862 and by early 2020 well over 380,000 people either started or finished their journeys at Romiley each year, with another 13,000 changing trains here on their way to other destinations.

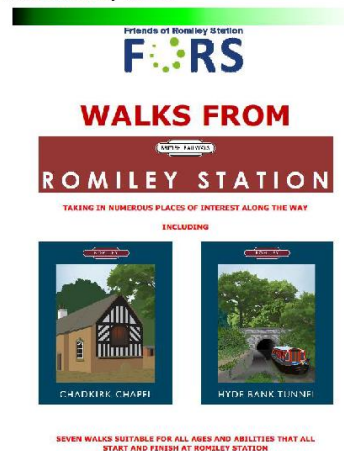
However, many of the journeys that could once be made are no longer possible following the Beeching cuts of the 1960's that resulted in the loss of the lines to Hayfield, Macclesfield and Stockport from Romiley.



Snow in the Hope Valley during the days of British Rail

However, there are still many fantastic destinations by train from Romiley, including a regular 7 days a week Northern Railway service to stations up the Hope Valley, that provide many walking and sightseeing opportunities.

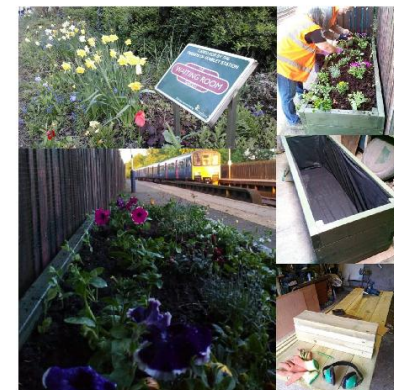
There are also countless walks that start from and finish at Romiley Station. Some of these are featured in a free *Walks from Romiley Station Booklet* published by the Friends of Romiley Station.



Copies of the booklet are available from the station book swaps as well as The Butchers Shop on Stockport Road, which is only a short distance down from the station.

Friends of Romiley Station  
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The Friends of Romiley Station are a group of volunteers who help care for the station in an effort to make it a more pleasant environment, as well as working with the local community and schools so as to promote its use.



Activities on and around the station are wide and varied and anyone can join the Friends of Romiley Station.



A steam train visits Romiley



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