

Accrington Station Improvements and Travel Plan

Lancashire County Council, working in partnership with Northern Rail and the East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership, has upgraded Accrington Railway Station with modern facilities to help improve passengers' journey experience. A new booking and information office has been provided on the south side of the station. It has been designed to be as environmentally efficient as possible with solar hot water, rainwater harvesting along with a wind turbine and photovoltaic panels to provide sustainable electricity.



Accrington is one of 23 national Station Travel Plan pilots looking at how sustainable travel to and from the new station can be increased. Surveys have shown that a high number of people walk or use a bus to reach the station. Lancashire County Council's rail section has taken the lead with plans to build the new eco station and responsibility to

manage the associated station travel plan. The key stakeholders involved with the project are Northern Rail, Hyndburn Borough Council, East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership and local bus operator Transdev Lancashire United. The group has also had support from Passenger Focus, Interreg IVB and Network Rail.



Cycle

Hyndburn has a growing network of off-road cycle routes, and with more cycle lanes and 20mph zones, it is becoming safer to cycle on road too.



The Hyndburn Greenway is a great traffic free route linking Blackburn, Accrington and Baxenden. The route passes Accrington Station, making it a safe way to reach the station. Cycling is a great way to keep fit and save money; you may even reach your destination quicker than by car as you can take alternative, traffic-free routes.

Hyndburn Generation Active

Whatever your age or ability Generation Active can help you to get cycling. Guided rides, adult/child cycle training and disability cycling are all available at various locations across the borough. Don't worry if you don't own a bike as we have a large range of bikes available for you to borrow.

To find out more or to book a session, contact Nichola Honey of Generation Active on 01254 380441 or email generationactive@hotmail.co.uk

For more information about cycling and cycle rides in Lancashire, see Lancashire County Council's cycling pages at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling

There is a new map for cycling in Hyndburn that can be downloaded here under maps and leaflets.

Useful travel contacts

 www.traveline.info
traveline 0871 200 22 33

www.transportforlancashire.com

www.lancashire.gov.uk

www.lancashire.gov.uk/cycling

www.lancashire.gov.uk/travelwise

www.sharedwheels.co.uk

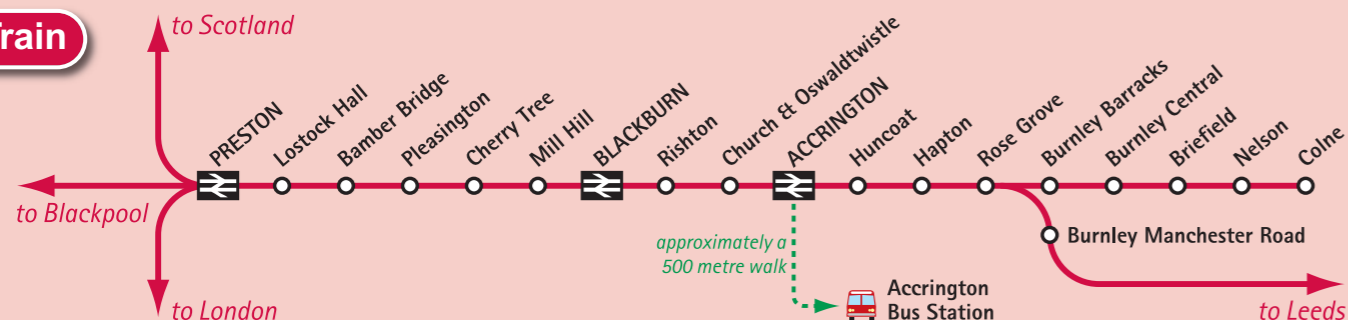
www.transportdirect.info

www.communityraillancashire.co.uk

www.northernrail.org

www.nationalrail.co.uk
or call 08457 48 49 50

Train



Accrington Station is served by two Northern Rail routes; Blackpool South to Colne and Blackpool North to York. You can access key destinations on direct trains from Accrington such as Preston, Blackburn, Burnley, Bradford and Leeds, there are a number of interchange points to get to other destinations such as Manchester.

Accrington Station Facilities

- New cycle parking facilities including secure cycle lockers.
- New public address and customer information system.
- Improved information and signage.
- New car park with disabled and parent friendly spaces.
- Upgraded CCTV and improved access to the town centre.

For timetable and ticket information, please visit www.northernrail.org or www.nationalrail.co.uk or call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50

New booking office opening hours

Monday-Friday 06:40-15:00
Saturday 06:40-15:00
Sunday 09:10-16:45

Car Share

If you do need to drive and park at the station, why not share your journey? Not only will you be helping to reduce pollution and congestion, you can also save money.



It doesn't matter if you don't know anyone who makes the same journey, Shared Wheels is a website for people who live or work in Lancashire to match you up with people who make similar journeys to you. Register to find car share buddies now by visiting

www.sharedwheels.co.uk

Walk

Accrington is a compact town, making it easy to walk around, and it's very walker friendly with plenty of pedestrian crossings. Why not try the measured mile circular route from the station, a great motivational tool to help you monitor your fitness levels. It has waymarkers throughout the route on lamp posts. Walking is one of the best forms of exercise and it's an easy way to get your recommended 30 mins a day.



A great traffic-free footpath is the Woodnook Greenway, a converted old railway line which is accessible directly from the station.

The Hyndburn "Stepping Out" Health Walk scheme aims to encourage people to take up walking as a enjoyable form of exercise. To help you they run eight FREE Led Walks each week throughout Hyndburn, open to all ages and abilities and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. If you prefer to walk in your own time, they can provide Independent Walking Packs for your local area.

For more information contact Fran Riley on (01254) 380441 or alternatively email steppingoutproject@hotmail.com

Useful walking and cycling contacts

Walking the Way the Health www.whi.org.uk
The Pedestrians Association www.livingstreets.org.uk
Sustrans - UK's leading sustainable transport charity www.sustrans.org.uk



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Bus

Accrington has an excellent network of bus services covering East Lancashire and beyond and it is easy to connect with rail services.

Turn over for a map of bus stops near the rail station and services from each stop.

You can pick up bus timetables from Accrington Library on St James Street and from the railway station.

For timetable information, contact

 www.traveline.info
traveline 0871 200 22 33

or visit www.transportforlancashire.com

For longer journeys outside the county, visit www.transportdirect.info

Bus + Train

East Lancashire Day Ranger

Hop between bus and train throughout East Lancashire for just £10 adult or £5 child per day.

Available all day every day the ticket can be bought on any Transdev bus, railway station or on the train.

From Accrington one ticket can take you to Clitheroe, Preston, Bolton, Keighley, Skipton and Chorley.



PlusBus tickets can be purchased from any station and on the train, these are discounted tickets for unlimited local bus travel that you buy with your train ticket. Bus travel can be at the start, finish or at both ends of your train journey.

Accrington Plusbus covers out to Great Harwood, Blackburn, Darwen and Baxenden. Tickets are good value at £2.50 adult and £1.25 child return, and are also available as a season ticket add on.

So you pay for your complete journey in one easy transaction at the train station, or by telephone on 08457 000 125.

For further information visit

www.plusbus.info



Helping you get to the new Accrington Railway Station

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