



# LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## PADGATE STATION CELEBRATES 150 YEAR'S OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY



Until 1838 Padgate was an area of farmland in the Fearnhead district. It was only with the establishment of a parish and the building of Christ Church that a recognisable community arose. In turn Padgate Station was opened on 1 September 1873 & next month sees it's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Supposedly haunted, the station had close ties with RAF Padgate during the Second World war, with a RAF training camp nearby, & the property itself was declared a listed building in December 1963.

The station was taken into LRA Land in 2016 because it was in such a dirty & rundown state, our Friends of Padgate Station community group was set up, & the premises have gone from strength to strength, with our volunteers regularly litter picking, erecting & maintaining planters, & organising artwork on the building's exterior. Indeed we've won numerous awards courtesy of Northern Rail as one of Britain's Best Kept Stations ~ with a big shout out especially to Sue & Bob McLaughlan for all their invaluable volunteer work

If you're not a rail user & haven't seen the artwork, do pop along on a sunny day & have a gander ~ It's truly fabulous.

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