

Marking 160 years of Harrogate railway

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A special exhibition at one of Northern's stations has celebrated how the railway transformed the quiet spa of Harrogate 160 years ago into a bustling tourist town.

Organised by the Harrogate Civic Society, with support from LNER, Northern, Network Rail and the Harrogate Model Railway Group, the display on the concourse told the story of Harrogate station and the history of its surrounding railways.

The exhibition was open to the public last weekend (July 30th & 31) before an event was held today (Monday, 1 August) with dignitaries from the community and across the railway to mark the exact date the station opened.

Tony Baxter, regional director at Northern said: "It has been great to celebrate this landmark date in the town's history.

"The commemorations and community events would not have been possible if it were not for the fantastic contributions from our volunteers, aided by the robust support from community stakeholders and the rail industry.

“Northern is proud to be a part of such rich heritage and community and as we look back on 160 years of progress, we also look forward to delivering further improvements in the area to continue to make a positive impact for the North.”

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