

# Northern installs 79 eco-friendly, cash-free vending machines

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Northern has teamed-up with Decorum Vending to install 79 new vending machines at 51 locations across its network.

The new vending machines offer a range of products, including low-sugar and healthy alternatives for customers who want to grab a snack 'on the go' whilst travelling across the North of England.

The machines are all cash-free, which helps deter vandalism and means customers can purchase items contactless via their bank card or smart phone.

Northern's decision to partner with Decorum was led by the vending operator's commitment to sustainability.

Their vending machines operate using low energy technology, they use considered waste disposal and they are soon to introduce a hybrid fleet of maintenance vehicles.

The new vending machines have been well received by customers, with the units at Manchester Victoria

and Manchester Oxford Road stations some of the highest grossing machines in operation by Decorum on the UK rail network.

Additional units are set to be installed at Harrogate and Manchester Victoria with a further 34 locations identified for more vending machines in 2023.

Mark Powles, commercial and customer director at Northern, said: “We have worked closely with Decorum to offer our customers the optimum mix of products to suit all tastes.

“These new machines form an important part of our work to improve the customer experience for our passengers.

“The income Northern receives from the sale of products in these machines is reinvested into our on-going programme of improvement works across trains and stations.”

The new machines are located at: Alnmouth, Altrincham, Ashton Under Lyne, Barnsley, Beverley, Bingley, Birchwood, Bolton, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bradford Forster Square, Bradford Interchange, Bridlington, Broad Green, Buxton, Cheadle Hulme, Chorley, Earlestown, Garforth, Glossop, Goole, Guiseley, Harrogate, Hartlepool, Hazel Grove, Heald Green, Hebden Bridge, Hexham, Ilkley, Keighley, Kirkham & Wesham, Knutsford, Manchester Oxford Road, Manchester Victoria, Meadowhall, Menston, New Pudsey, Redcar, Rochdale, Rotherham, Salford Crescent, Shipley, Skipton, St Helens Central, Sunderland, Todmorden, Warrington Central, Wigan Wallgate, Wilmslow, Workington and Worksop.

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