

Yate Station *Update*

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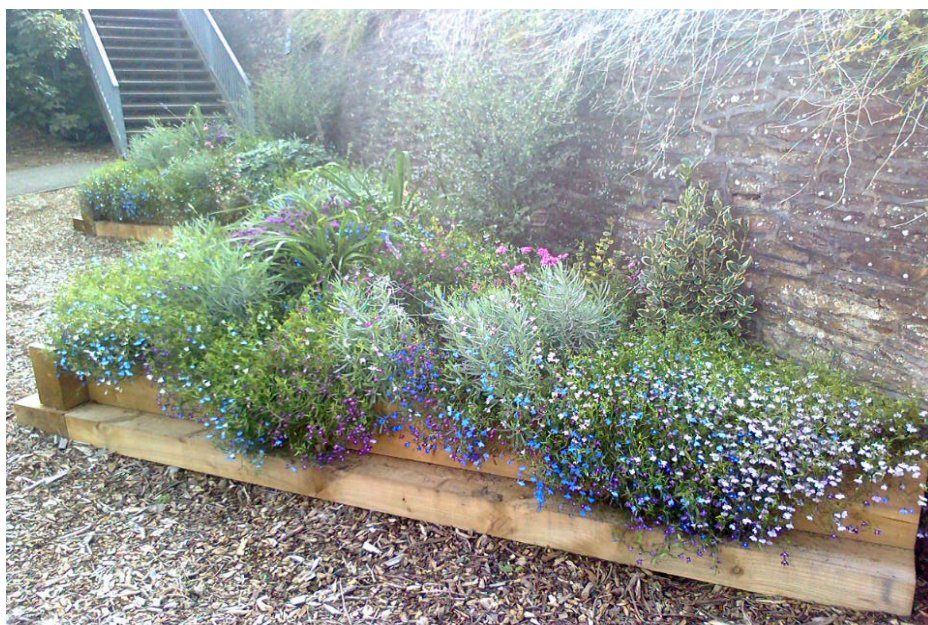
Throughout the past year, new Help Points, public address and CCTV systems have been installed at stations across the FGW network. This is part of the Station Information and Security Systems project to provide renewed and improved information for our customers. A WebCIS Help Point is now installed on each platform at Yate Station. This Help point will provide up-to-date train information. The Blue information button connects to National Rail Enquiries, which provides timetable, train ticket and station information. The green emergency button connects passengers to emergency services, given a direct link to emergency help. Having an emergency button at a station aims to improve security and response times.

Plans are in place to install CCTV at Yate and good progress is being made. Confirmation of the details and installation date are still to be advised.

➔ Environmental Improvements to Yate Station

Yate and West Dodington in Bloom has been working hard planting the scheme at the station which was designed by the community. Another planter is to be delivered soon which will be located by the ticket booth. A lot of work still needs to be done around the station, particularly around the car park, on the approach road and along the verge on the Gloucester bound platform. The Community Pay-Back Team could be asked to undertake the work (a team of 8 would need to be employed for a full day).

The finished article:



➔ Yate Station usage data for 2008/9/10

Year	UK End Rank	Entries & Exits
09/10	1122/2525	247,536
08/09	1390/2518	240,482
07/08	1412/2518	216,658

Data from the Office of Rail Regulation shows that Yate station usage increased 10% between 2008 & 2009 and 3% between 2009 & 2010. Its also become busier year on year.

➔ Victorians and the Railway



Photo courtesy of Yate Heritage Online

From 1844, new railway lines built around Yate and Chipping Sodbury enabled local people to transport their goods further. The coming of the railway brought new businesses, organisations and residents to Yate. The parish changed dramatically. Do you want to know more about Yate Station's history? Visit: www.yateheritage.co.uk

➔ Tell us about your experiences...

Please tell us about your experiences with using trains at Yate Station if you have disabilities – we'd like to hear from you. They can be good experiences or bad ones. Maybe you just want to make a comment about something or would like further information from FGW?

If you need assistance at Yate Station, please contact FGW prior to travelling or speak to the station manager – who will be happy to help.

➔ Contacting British Transport Police to report crime CALL: 0800 40 50 40

British Transport Police have received reports that passengers arriving at Yate railway station are taking a short cut across the railway tracks to avoid walking over the road bridge. Passengers are walking beneath the road over rail bridge in order to walk from the North bound platform to the car park.



British Transport Police and Network Rail take the safety of passengers and train crews seriously and will deal with anyone found trespassing positively and firmly.

➔ Rail Franchise from 2013 and Future Staffing Arrangements

The *Sir Roy McNulty Rail Value for Money Study* report was published on 19th May 2011. Section 8 of the report is of concern to transport groups and trades unions because the report suggests that £1bn can be saved by decreasing staff.

The Sir Roy McNulty report will be incorporated into a Government White Paper in September and there will be a consultation phase on the new franchise.

The FYS think it is important the Department for Transport is made aware it would not be appropriate to implement the recommendations in the Sir Roy McNulty report in the greater Bristol area because more staff and services are required, not less.

The FYS will make a representation at the next West of England Partnership Joint Transport Committee meeting, taking place at 1.00pm on 22nd September 2011 at BAWA, Filton.

To view the 77 page summary report, visit: <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/upload/pdf/rail-vfm-summary-report-may11.pdf>



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