

Friends of Bruton Railway Station – ATF report 2026

Firstly we wish to thank the town council for their continued financial support, so enabling us to provide colourful plants, pots, fertiliser etc to both platforms leading to our winning Station in Bloom awards. Without your contributions I am not sure that we would be able to achieve such accolades.

You ask what our future plans are, alas we appear to have reached a plateau regarding aims and aspirations.

The ongoing issue of level pedestrian access to platform two has us continuing to scratch our heads also the lack of basic facilities adds to our frustrations.

The fast-approaching nationalisation of the railway industry may improve timetables/numbers of trains etc but we are not overly optimistic. The proposed station between Somerton and Langport could open the prospect of a much-needed stopping train between Taunton, Westbury, Reading.

We are supposedly the least used station in Somerset as measured by the number of ticket sales. We dispute this claim as it is common knowledge that ticketless train journeys can be made from Bruton to numerous destinations. We have asked for a ticket machine to be installed but fear that the trend is for paperless tickets so our hopes are not high. In the meantime, we continue to strive to create a pleasant first impression for visitors to Bruton.

Howard Smith – to present in person.