

A Blue Plaque for Stalybridge Station Buffet Bar was unveiled on the 16th July 1994 by Councillor Eileen Shorrocks. It celebrates a unique building from the late Victorian era and serves as a reminder of a time when the railways brought prosperity to the town of Stalybridge.

THE RAILWAY COMES TO TOWN

Work began on the Sheffield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Railway in 1838. It was much needed, as the canal journey from Sheffield to Manchester took eight days (weather, water supply and ice permitting), and even pack-horses took two days for the journey. The main line was built in just over seven years, and together with the branch to Stalybridge, it was opened to the public on the 23rd of December 1845. Stalybridge was now a Railway Town, but this was just the beginning.

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A LATE VICTORIAN GEM

