



Blackpool Tower

## Blackpool South

We have now reached the end of the line (or the start!). Turn left leaving the station for the **WATERLOO ROAD SHOPPING CENTRE** and **PROMENADE**. Turn left again for the **SOUTH PIER** and the **SANDCASTLE WATER PARK**. Bloomfield Road, the home of **BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB**, is a short walk from the station. The town centre, Central and North piers, Promenade attractions including **TUSSAUDS** and **SEA LIFE BLACKPOOL**, and of course the iconic **BLACKPOOL TOWER** are just a short tram or bus ride away.



Blackpool



## Blackpool Pleasure Beach

The station serves the internationally famous **BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH** with its white-knuckle rides including Icon and the Big One. If you want to stay close to the action, then there are two hotels near by the Big Blue and the BLVD. The station is also close to the **SOLARIS CENTRE** with its café, conference centre and offices.

Take a stroll along the promenade and you can view 'The Great Promenade Show' a collection of modern sculptures as well as stunning views towards **MORECAMBE BAY**.



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Blackpool Pleasure Beach

## Squires Gate

Squire's Gate

The station is at the south end of **BLACKPOOL PROMENADE**. Starr Gate, the start of the Blackpool Tramway, is a few minutes' walk away. Modern trams take you along the full length of the promenade and onto Cleveleys and Fleetwood, where you can catch the Knott End ferry. Close to the station is the **HANGAR 42 SPITFIRE VISITOR CENTRE** at Blackpool Airport.

Fairhaven Lake



Hangar 42 Visitor Centre

## Ansdell & Fairhaven

Ansdell is the only area in the country to be named after an artist – **RICHARD ANSDELL** who built a villa amongst the dunes. When the railway came the new station was named **ANSDELL'S HALT!** Today the station offers views over the 9th hole of the internationally renowned **ROYAL LYTHAM AND ST ANNE'S GOLF COURSE**.

Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Course



The restored tram shelter, the Grade 2 listed **WHITE CHURCH**, the Tambourine Cottages and the Ansdell Institute mark the varied architecture of the area. **FAIRHAVEN LAKE** offers leisure, nature and cultural opportunities.

St Anne's

## St Anne's

St. Anne's-on-the-Sea was created in 1875 on land owned by the Clifton family and was planned from scratch with wide streets laid out in a grid pattern. As well as its clean and popular sandy beaches, the town is recognised for its Pier, its **PROMENADE GARDENS**, the Lifeboatman statue, its Victorian architecture, **ASHTON GARDENS** and its bracing climate. It well-deserves its title of 'the Garden Town by the Sea'.

The town gained its name from the parish church of St Anne.



Ansdell & Fairhaven

## DISCOVER

### The South Fylde Line

This is your invitation to explore the South Fylde Line and seek out the many fascinating and in some cases "thrilling" places that it serves. Running from Preston to Blackpool via Lytham St Anne's this is a line of many contrasts. This leaflet sets out some ideas for things you can do along the line; from easy walks, to visiting historic halls, to busy towns and much more. Along the line you may spot some original and creative artwork produced by local schools and award-winning stations looked after by volunteers.

We hope this leaflet inspires you to Discover the South Fylde Line and makes you want to take the train to explore it. To find out more below are a sample of websites to look at to help you plan your day out.

For local information the following may be useful in planning your day out:

[www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/south-fylde](http://www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/south-fylde)

To view the film showing a walk between Lytham and St Anne's stations go to:

[www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/Lancashire-by-rail](http://www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/Lancashire-by-rail)

For Explore on Foot leaflets go to:

[www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/explore-on-foot/](http://www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk/explore-on-foot/)

About Preston:

[www.visitpreston.com](http://www.visitpreston.com)

[www.winckleysquarepreston.org/about/friends/](http://www.winckleysquarepreston.org/about/friends/)

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/cycling/guild-wheel](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/cycling/guild-wheel)

Things to see and do in Lytham & St Anne's

[www.visitlancashire.com/explore/lytham](http://www.visitlancashire.com/explore/lytham)

About Lytham

[www.lythamhall.org.uk](http://www.lythamhall.org.uk)

[www.lowtherpavillion.co.uk](http://www.lowtherpavillion.co.uk)

About St Anne's

Town Trail Leaflet: [www.bit.ly/3lpgQBC](http://www.bit.ly/3lpgQBC)

Blue Plaque Trail Leaflet: [www.bit.ly/3L55X9P](http://www.bit.ly/3L55X9P)

About Squires Gate

[www.spitfirevisitorcentre.co.uk](http://www.spitfirevisitorcentre.co.uk)

About Blackpool

[www.visitblackpool.com](http://www.visitblackpool.com)

[www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com](http://www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com)

[www.theblackpooltower.com](http://www.theblackpooltower.com)

[www.blackpoolfc.co.uk](http://www.blackpoolfc.co.uk)

## TRAIN INFORMATION

### The South Fylde Line:

Northern operates an hourly service on the South Fylde Line between Preston and Blackpool South. Kirkham and Wesham has a more frequent service as it is also on the line from Blackpool North to Preston, Bolton, Manchester and Manchester Airport. Preston offers interchange into long distance services to Birmingham and London Euston as well as Glasgow Central and Edinburgh.

For details of train times and fares go to:

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.northernrailway.co.uk](http://www.northernrailway.co.uk)

[www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk](http://www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk)

### Blackpool Tramway

Blackpool has a modern tramway operating from Starr Gate, at the south end of the Promenade to Fleetwood. The tramway can be easily reached from Squires Gate station on the South Fylde Line.

For more details about the tramway go to:

[www.blackpooltransport.com/blackpool-tramway](http://www.blackpooltransport.com/blackpool-tramway)

[www.blackpooltransport.com/routes/BLAC/Tram](http://www.blackpooltransport.com/routes/BLAC/Tram)

For more information about The South Fylde Line, visit

[communityrail Lancashire.co.uk](http://communityrail Lancashire.co.uk)

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## DISCOVER

# The South Fylde Line

This attractive hidden gem offers many opportunities for long or short days out

Take the train from Preston to Blackpool



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Lytham Hall

## Lytham

is an attractive town and the start of a linear walk to St Anne's. A short film and leaflet describe the walk. The station is well looked after by local volunteers and the attractive station building has been converted into the **STATION TAVERN**.

From the station it is a short walk into the town centre with its independent shops and a wide range of restaurants & cafes. Stroll along The Green to visit the famous **WINDMILL**, built in 1805. The Palladian style **LYTHAM HALL** is close to the Station set in lovely grounds. Lytham also has the **LOWTHER THEATRE & GARDENS**. **PARK VIEW 4U** is a very popular children's park with many exciting facilities. Events during the year include the **LYTHAM FESTIVAL**, the **VINTAGE CAR FESTIVAL** and the **1940S WEEKEND**.

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Lytham



Station Tavern



TO BLACKPOOL NORTH



Moss Side

## Moss Side

The station is the most 'rural' on the line serving a small community and nearby holiday homes. Until 1988 it also served the '**FYLDE JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL**' which was built in 1902. The hospital has been demolished and the site redeveloped for housing.

Queen Victoria Jubilee Memorial



Kirkham & Wesham



## Kirkham & Wesham

This is the start of South Fylde Line. Some of the lovely features of the town are shown on a piece of artwork displayed on platforms 1&2 take a look before you leave the station to explore the 'Hidden Gems' of the area.

Kirkham is derived from the Danish '**KIRK**' for church and the Saxon '**HAM**' for town is thought to be one of the earliest settlements in the Fylde. The station is within easy walking distance of the town centre for a variety of shops and eateries. Take time to look at **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH** and the **QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE MEMORIAL**.



## A short history of the Cliftons

The Clifton name crops up many times in and around Lytham St Anne's, so here is a potted history about them and their connection to the area. **THE CLIFTON FAMILY** (originally of Clifton, later of Westby) were minor gentry and owned virtually the entirety of Fylde as we know it today apart from the old Benedictine priory. In 1606 **SIR CUTHBERT CLIFTON** purchased this land which became the location for the first **LYTHAM HALL**. Construction of the Neo-Palladian style hall we see today began in 1757 to a design by **JOHN CARR OF YORK**.

**COLONEL JOHN TALBOT CLIFTON**, who was squire from 1851 until his death in 1882 has a memorial in **SPARROW PARK**. His wife, **LADY ELEANOR CECILY**, was responsible for the new parish **CHURCH OF ST ANNE** after which St Anne's is named.

## Salwick

This is the first station you pass through on leaving Preston. If you want to get off at Salwick check the timetable as very few trains stop here. Salwick is the home of the Springfields nuclear fuel manufacturing plant operated by **WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY**.

Salwick



Guild Wheel

## Preston

is a major railway, shopping, administrative and banking centre. Attractions include **MILLER AND AVENHAM PARKS** (pictured), **WINCKLEY SQUARE**, the **HARRIS MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY** and the market. For cyclists Avenham Park is the start and end of the 21-mile **GUILD WHEEL**. The **PAVILION CAFÉ** in Avenham Park is adjacent to the start of the Guild Wheel.

On leaving Preston station look to your right to see **ST WALBURGE'S CHURCH** probably the city's premier landmark. It was designed by Joseph Hansom of Hansom Cab fame. At 94 metres (308 feet) it boasts the third largest spire in England.



Harris Museum & Art Gallery

Preston



Avenham & Miller Parks



TO GLASGOW

# The South Fylde Line

TO MANCHESTER BIRMINGHAM LONDON

TO EAST LANCASHIRE



St Walburg's Church