

EAST LANCASHIRE'S HISTORICAL COMMUNITY RAILWAYS

ENTWISTLE



Entwistle circa 1903 - Photo courtesy of Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Society



Entwistle 3rd July 1971 - Photo courtesy Dr John Sagar



Entwistle 17th August 2007 - Photo Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

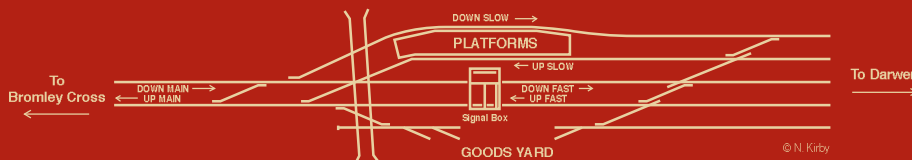
ENTWISTLE STATION

Entwistle Station came into being on 1st August 1848 when Whittlestone Head Station was relocated from its site immediately south of the Sough Tunnel portal to the present site seven and three quarter miles from Blackburn.

The station remained somewhat of a country outpost until 1902 when major refurbishment took place during the quadrupling of the track between Entwistle and Waltons' Sidings. The station was totally rebuilt, the up platform was removed, the down platform became the up platform and a new line was built round the back forming a new platform for down trains. A new gantry mounted signal box was built spanning the two fast lines and a lattice footbridge was provided for passenger use. The station catered for passengers, goods, parcels, livestock, horses and prize cattle vans. The goods yard was also served by an overhead pulley driven ropeway, which transported materials to and from the railway yard to Know Mill Bleachworks. The Bleach works was demolished when the reservoir was formed. A large wooden goods shed was erected, served by a five-ton crane. The station was vastly reduced in size in the 1960s following Beeching's recommendations. Wholesale demolition of the station infrastructure followed leaving a request stop, served by a single track and a small solitary platform shelter.

Today the station is an ideal gateway to the stunning West Pennine Moors and is only a 30 minute train journey from Manchester.

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Entwistle track diagram circa 1953

