

Haltwhistle Station Waiting Room Buildings Redevelopment - One Year on!



Unbelievably the 21st September marks the one year anniversary of work beginning on site at Haltwhistle station and yes, we will be marking the occasion with cake! The project has had it ups and downs and we are still a little way off the finishing line with building material supply issues and some unexpected electrical issues that require various modifications and subsequent approvals before they can be implemented.



Nonetheless progress is still being made with work on the platform 2 building just awaiting the electrical work, some plumbing work and some internal painting. We are particularly pleased with the security bars for the studio windows that face away from the track. These were designed and made by Alex Prince of Fox Frinton of Hexham who took inspiration from the Water Tower and

footbridge in the design. In addition Alex has designed and made a surround for our Hadrian's head mosaic which will be mounted on the railings on platform 2 and will welcome visitors to Haltwhistle. We are not ready to mount it yet so something to look forward to in the next update.



Work on platform 1 is underway with main structure having been repaired with new corner posts, baseplate and weatherboard in addition to significant levelling of the structure which was out by 12cm. New floor joists and a new floor has been laid throughout the building and the roof structure strengthened ready to take the necessary insulation. The sewage and water pipes have been installed, along with the first fix electrical work the new glass waiting room door. The doors and window frames are being refurbished and the PV panels are about to be fixed to the roof.



We hope you agree that, whilst it is taking time, the result is excellent and well worth the wait. Rail Minister Chris Heaton Harris made a flying visit several months ago with our MP, Guy Opperman, with Guy returning in August for a tour of the progress. We are already receiving interest from prospective tenants and plan to hold open days as soon as the buildings are handed over to us.

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