

How volunteers have improved stations on the North Staffordshire Line

Kidsgrove is the largest intermediate station on the route, with 4 huge platforms, and 6 trains per hour going to Crewe, Derby, Manchester, Stoke and London.

The station garden on the middle platform was once a wilderness of weeds and brambles but thanks to the dedication of station adoption volunteers over the past two years, it's now a potential award-winner.

At Alsager, a Friends of Alsager Station group has been set up; the group wanted to restore the platform beds to their original glory. Now every spring, thousands of daffodils bring the station to life and there is colour throughout the year from flowering and evergreen shrubs.

Blythe Bridge station is this year's winner of East Midlands Trains' Best Small Station award! A small group of volunteers, led by keen gardeners Graham and Norah (pictured), are currently working to improve a small bed in the station car park. As you can see, they've already transformed the two platform garden beds.

The best stations on the route are those supported by the community. The Partnership has raised funds for plants and materials through bids to numerous organisations and we can do the same for Tutbury & Hatton station. We just need your help to get the project off the ground!