

Woodlesford



[North Midland Railway](#)'s [Woodlesford Station](#) opened in 1840. There was a [Midland Railway](#) station building on the northbound platform.

There was a thriving goods business during the early 1900s. This included coal trains from nearby Water Haigh colliery and mineral trains from George Armitage's stone quarry and brickworks. Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries used the station to bring in raw ingredients and dispatch their beer. Homing pigeons were sent by fanciers for competitions.

“Woodlesford and Oulton on the left. Swillington Bridge, house, and brewery of Henry Bentley, on the right.”

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station buildings were demolished in the early 1970s, but the station remains open as an unstaffed halt and is part of the West Yorkshire Metro network.



Woodlesford Station and staff in 1902. *Image courtesy of* <https://newwoodlesford.xyz>