

Normanton

The original station at Normanton was a temporary structure until the permanent station was built jointly by the [North Midland Railway](#), [York and North Midland Railway](#) and the [Manchester & Leeds Railway](#) in 1843. This was designed by George Andrews, the architect favoured by [George Hudson](#), the influential railway financier known as ‘The Railway King’ who created the [Midland Railway](#) through the merger of North Midland with [Midland Counties](#) and the [Birmingham and Derby Junction Railway](#).

“The place of junction. New Station, offices, &c., are erected here, for the use of the three Companies. Normanton on the hill to the right.”

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station is still open, though most facilities have gone, and it is unstaffed. Express and local trains on the Midland Railway stopped in 1968 and trains to York ended in 1970, which leaves local Sheffield to Leeds trains via Castleford serving the station.



The 1843 Normanton station, possibly drawn by G. Rowe of Cheltenham. *Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre*