## **Eckington**

The station was opened by the <u>North Midland Railway</u> in 1840. It was an Italianate design by railway architect <u>Francis Thompson</u>.

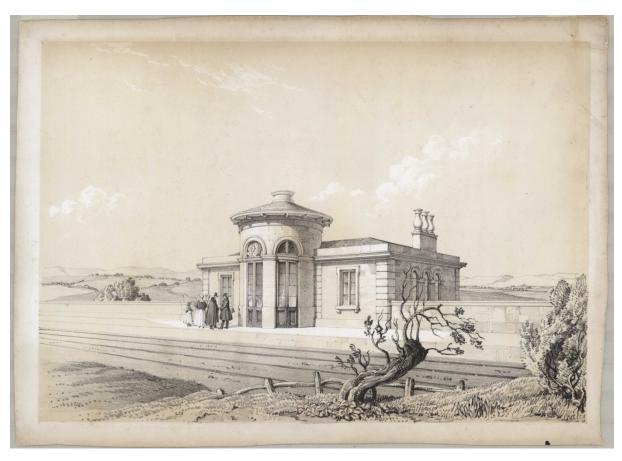
It was renamed in 1866 as Eckington and Renishaw by the <u>Midland Railway</u>. This was partly because it was close to Renishaw Iron works and partly because there was another Eckington station on the <u>Birmingham and Gloucester</u>

<u>Railway</u>, then acquired by the Midland Railway.

"For Worksop &c, in Renishaw Park. An ornamental building, with circular tower in the Park. Eckington village on the left; noble woods of Renishaw Park beyond."

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

Thompson's station was replaced by a new station to the north in 1874. This station closed in 1951.



Lithograph of the North Midland Railway's 1840 Eckington Station, drawn by Samuel Russell from the plans of architect Francis Thompson. *Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre*