## Wingfield

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Wingfield Station was built by the <u>North Midland Railway</u> close to the road between <u>South Wingfield</u> and <u>Oakerthorpe</u>. The station was designed by <u>Francis Thompson</u>, in a Grecian style.

The station was originally called Wingfield for Alfreton and Mansfield, these two much larger towns on higher ground above the valley and therefore unable to be included on the North Midland route.

"The noble ruin of Wingfield Manor, an ancient castellated pile, on the summit of a lofty prominence, surrounded by beautiful silvan scenery."

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station closed in 1967 and is the only of Thompson's stations that survives. It was bought as a storage shed for conveyor belts used in mining. Over time, it became derelict until restoration work, undertaken by Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust, commenced in 2021. Work has been primarily funded by Historic England and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Lithograph of the North Midland Railway's 1840 Wingfield Station, drawn by Samuel Russell from the plans of architect Francis Thompson. Two of the chimneys were not built in the locations drawn by Russell. *Lithograph by Samuel Russell, courtesy of The Midland Railway Study Centre*